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potestas enim equorum in ore eorum est et in caudis
angelos qui alligati sunt in flumine magno Eufrate
vocem unum ex cornibus altaris aurei quod est ante oculos Dei

高治星 KO YA SUNG

うちのネコのテルちゃんです。(1巻のヤツはサング)口を開けたまま寝るので時々ビックリします。
…ていうか出ました！ 第2巻!!
まだまだ未熟ですが、どうか楽しんでください！

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Gospel No. 6 : Dissolutio [Revocation]

THE VATICAN
We demand an explanation for the distracting incident at Margarita Castle involving RADEM and that the proper measures are taken!
SARD
Sardis Country bishop's HQ, please!
This urgent meeting of archbishops is being held in regards to the Sade Emperor's sister!
It's not that we held her captive; she chose to seek political asylum of her own free will.
This is a clear act of treason!
... and illegally held the emperor's relative, Margarita's noble lady, captive.
RADEM deliberately ignored Sardis' borders, not to mention that they caused a major fire ...
RADEM
SFX: THUMP

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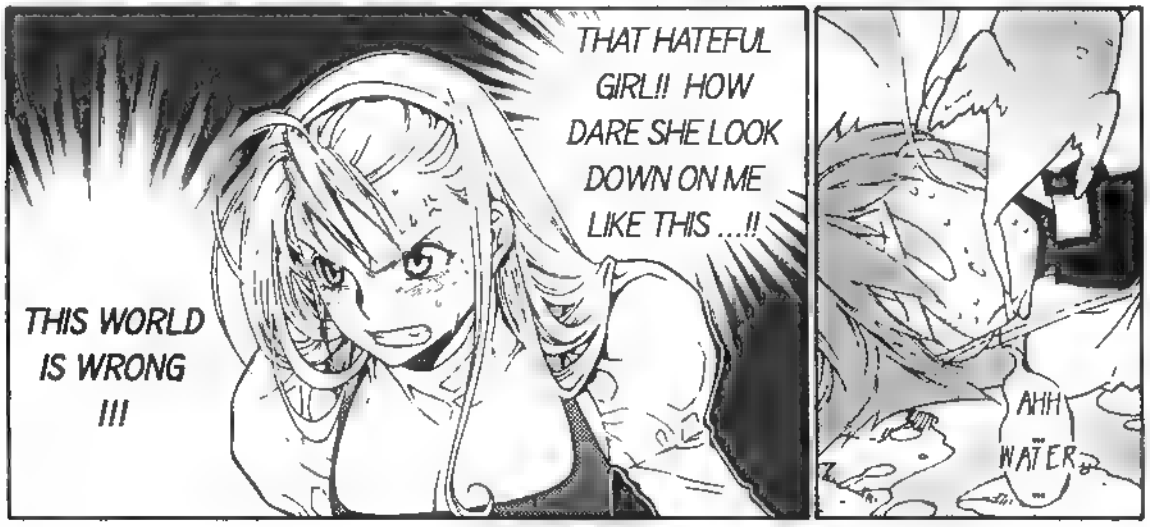
And just who would want to harm the emperor's little sister?!
The point is, RADEM is obliged to report its movements to the correspon-ding country!
That's precisely why ...
Since the person in ques-tion--the emper-or's little sister--was being assaulted, it's a given that we would have to take immediate action ...
It is a continental proclamation of human rights to give shelter to any person who is in fear for his or her life!
Furthermore, said-incident in Margarita was a purifying exorcism, and as such, its religious nature granted RADEM full liberty to act, as per the non-aggression treaty.
SFX: CHATTER CHATTER
That remark was unnecessary, Father Hizel!!
Wh ... what did you say ?!
... or are you saying that you'd rather that we had stayed put and waited at Sardis' church until after the noble lady had been murdered, then just reported that it couldn't be helped?!
Is that what the Sade emperor had hoped for or what?!
SARDIS

To call this urgent meeting ... It's as if even the emperor felt cornered ...
... but, on the contrary, since he forced the Vatican to make the move, he's not likely to come forward.
If an investigation unit is dispatched, we'll be the ones in trouble.
Yeah ...
We can only guess that the demons from before have some connection to him ..
He must have a reason so that he doesn't have to show up here at the official meetings. He hasn't come to them in several years already
If our enemy is the Sade emperor, then it'll be quite a harsh battle, won't it?
The problem will be those guys who are in there with the emperor, though ...
Shall we take the opportunity to go and have an audience with him?
It'd be okay if we went to apologize, right?
Eh? Boss? Are you serious?!

Walking half a day under the blazing sun ...
Just when I thought we'd finally arrived
... there're only these ruins where no living creature's shadow can even be found ...
UGH - I'M THIRSTY -
WHY DO THEY ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS GIVE ME MISSIONS LIKE THIS !?
TOTA!! DON'T MELT AWAY !!


THAT HATEFUL GIRL!! HOW DARE SHE LOOK DOWN ON ME LIKE THIS ...!!
THIS WORLD IS WRONG !!!
AHH WATER

These are the official orders from the boss ...
This person, here, has very important information that could be of great use for strategic purposes ...
With this information at hand, we shall rely upon the strategies designed with her skills from now on.
Your new superior: Control Room Director, Luu Heinrich, Margarita's noble lady.
Isn't she just a child?! Is being Control Room Director child's play?!
There is no doubt that the boss was drunk out of his mind then!!
Let's get started.
This has got to be a joke!
Rose
The five blackened beings ... Unlike common demons, they possess a dangerous power-- enough to out fight the Stigmasters.
We have yet to discover their true form or motives, but it's clear that there is a connection between them and the Sade Emperor.

Could the contents of the scripts also have something to do with the Holy War from ten years ago?
All of the contents are from ancient religious scripts and ...
I tried to compile within these documents the images I got when I was forced to use my powers for them.
... I don't know the exact meaning, but I am guessing that it's a prophecy related to what's happening at the moment on the continent.
Uhh .. Right ...
I wouldn't know since I'm only NINE!!!
THAT THEY ARE DEMONS; THAT THEY ARE ANCIENT RECORDS... NO ONE CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR VAGUE INFORMATION!
.....
THIS IS NO JOKE! GIVE US MORE RELIABLE, APPROPRIATE INFORMATION!
SFX: SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH
URGH ...
There are a lot of weird pictures here.
And yet, how do you explain that there isn't a single person in RADEM who can decipher enough of it?
These so-called religious books are your area of expertise, aren't they?
I am not a cleric.

I've currently lost communication with him, but I'm assuming that he's around Smyrna's southern ruins.
REPORT
CLERIC
Joel Angelo
Father Joel Angelo, PhD in archeology
He used to work as the director of Margarita's main library and he participated as part of the Tactical team during the Holy War ten years ago ...
It'll be okay like that, right, Rose?
If you think that my information is vague, then you should go and get him to decipher it for us
This ... isn't this thing supposed to squirt out water?!
Rose ...!
Rose ...!
... Remember this ... someday, for sure ... I'll get that girl ...

Woo!! It's a water fountain!!!
!!
SFX: FFFFF
AH ...
!?
SFX: BANG BANG BANG
What the heck are you doing?!
Give us the damn water!!
WATER, I SAY!!!
Yeah! Right!! Give us water!!!
The hell!! If you're a fountain, then do what a fountain does!!!

SFX: SOBBING
This is a pure water supplier built four thousand years ago, and you just ...
Uwaaaa! And this other pillar next to it used to be a part of an ancient laundry place four thousand five hundred years ago!
Rose ...
DON'T TELL ME ...
This ...
!?
SFX: TURNS HEAD
Scram !!! ...
You civilization-destroying demons!!
FATHER JOEL ANGELO?!

NOW WE'VE DONE IT ...!
Err ... Father Joel ...
... we are not devils; we are clergypeople from RADEM.
Please, I beg of you ... We just need you to translate some documents for us ...
It's vital for the future of our continent to--
I have no business with anyone from RADEM or with any savages like you! Get lost already!!
SFX: BANG
!!
Hmph! You are always like that! As long as it's for the sake of the future, then whatever happened to the relics is okay?!
The kind of cheap people who, as soon as you get the information you need, you care nothing about preserving these ruins, forsaking them as though they are nothing more than piles of rubble!

WHAT A BLOCK-HEAD!!
Argh! Just what's up with him ...?!
Excuse me ...
DOINK DOINK
SFX: SLAM
WHOA ...
I never said anything like that!!
SFX: GLUG GLUG
WATER
Pay me 150,000 runes ...
In this town, water is of great importance ...
Just one bottle of water is 30,000runes ... I can't believe it's more expensive than car fuel ...!
. since this is a historic ruin that has become a desert within a forty kilometer radius.
IOTA
ooo
!!!
But ... we've somehow managed to survive here, so it makes it hard for us to leave, you know?
Doesn't that make it a pretty inconvenient place to live?

In ancient times, this place was filled with water, so it used to be called the Water Town ...
Ah ... now I remember this road ...
It was a canal ...
Father Joel has restored it all, too.
Unlike now, back then, it was a completely peaceful and prosperous town, you know?
Father Joel dearly loves each and every relic, and it's all thanks to him that this once-ruined town has been restored to the way it used to look a long time ago.
He's pretty stubborn, but he's not a bad person.
It's because of that personality of his that he's been opposing those townsfolk who want to run water pipes throughout this ancient place ...
There are heartless people who say that Father Joel is an egghead who only knows about ruins, but ..
... I believe in him.

Phiona ...
CLENCH
I believe that Father Joel will be the one to bring life back to this town.
We found something at the construction site!
We thought you'd better come to see it.
Father Joel ...!!
Father ...!!!
Ah ... what's happened?
SFX CHATTER CHATTER
Th ... this is an angeion ... What's more, it's in perfect condition ...
This shows a pattern! It seems to indicate that this is the canal's core ...

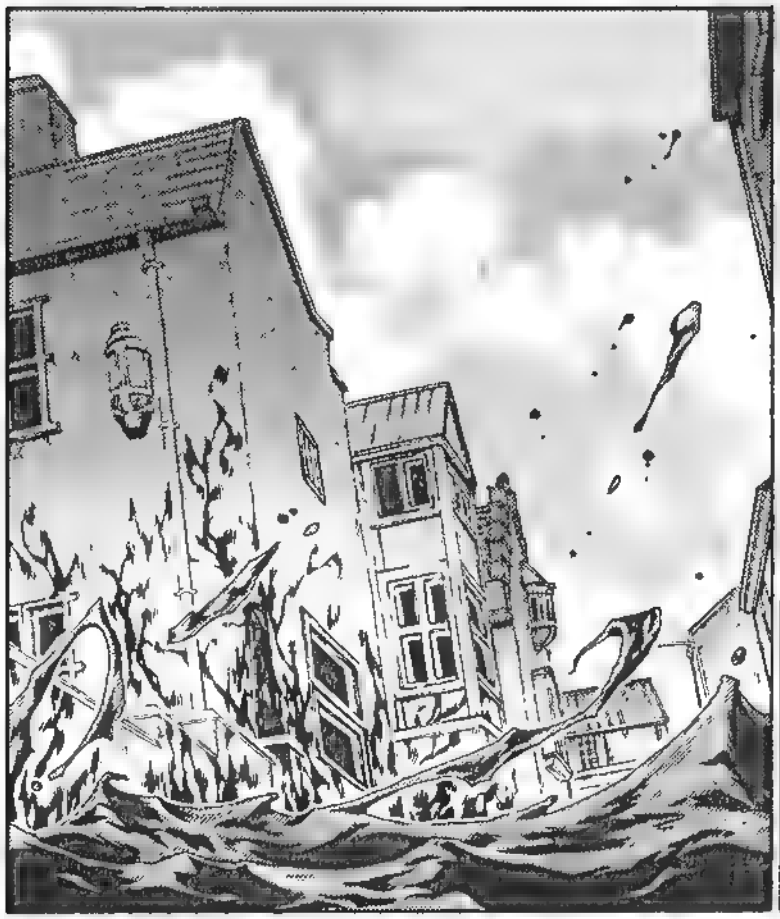
If we do as you say, there's no way water will come up!
Father Joel ...!
You're still sayin' that? You damn ruins zealot!
This thing, here, is in the way of construction, so please toss it somewhere else!
There's a reason that this relic was placed here! You mustn't move it!
An angeion is a vessel made with the purpose of preserving a soul! If we touch it, we'll incur the soul's wrath!
We must protect it at any cost!
SFX PLOP!
SFX WHUMP!
What fucking soul?! It's just a rock!!
STOP !!!
SFX FWOOSH!
Really ... Mr. Scholar's head is thick ...!!

What now?
H ... hey ...! Behind you ...!!
Tch! Just get it outta here before we smash it to dust.
SFX GRUMBLE
Wh ... what's this?!
Argh!
!!
Ungh ....!

SFX: WUOOOOSH!!

Ah!!
Hurry up here!!
Just what is this dark water?!

!!
Just now ... the water moved ...
This ... this isn't normal water, is it ...?
Aieee !!!
Phiona !!
Phiona !!
SFX: SPLASH



TCH!
R..
Rose
...

Ph ...
Phiona
....!

J ...
just
what
is that
?!

!!

!?
SFX: SCHEEEECH
SFX: BANG BANG BANG

Father Joel ...!
Iota ...!
Uuuuu !!
IT'S... SWALLOW-ING ME... MY CON-SCIOUSNESS...

It's pitch black! I can't see anything!
Uh ... what should I do?!
Iota !!
Father Joel ...!!
If I just hadn't started excavating the ruins ...
This is all my fault ...
!?
Ah ... my consciousness is getting clouded
Rhiona forgive me .. It may already be too late to save you and too late to restore this town, as well ...
!!
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?

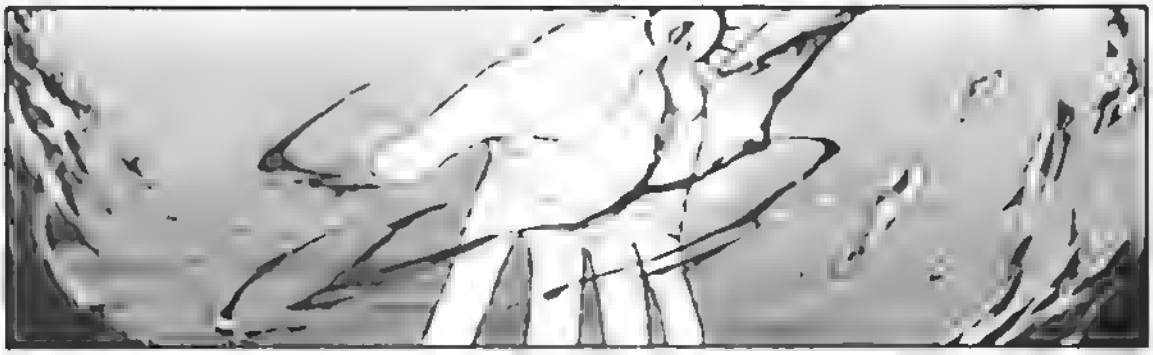
This is an evil spirit, born of the greed and arrogance of those humans who went so far as to try to control water.
Are you okay with giving up here and letting it all end?
If all you do is protect the past, then all you've been doing this for is collecting trash.
You can understand that very well, can't you?

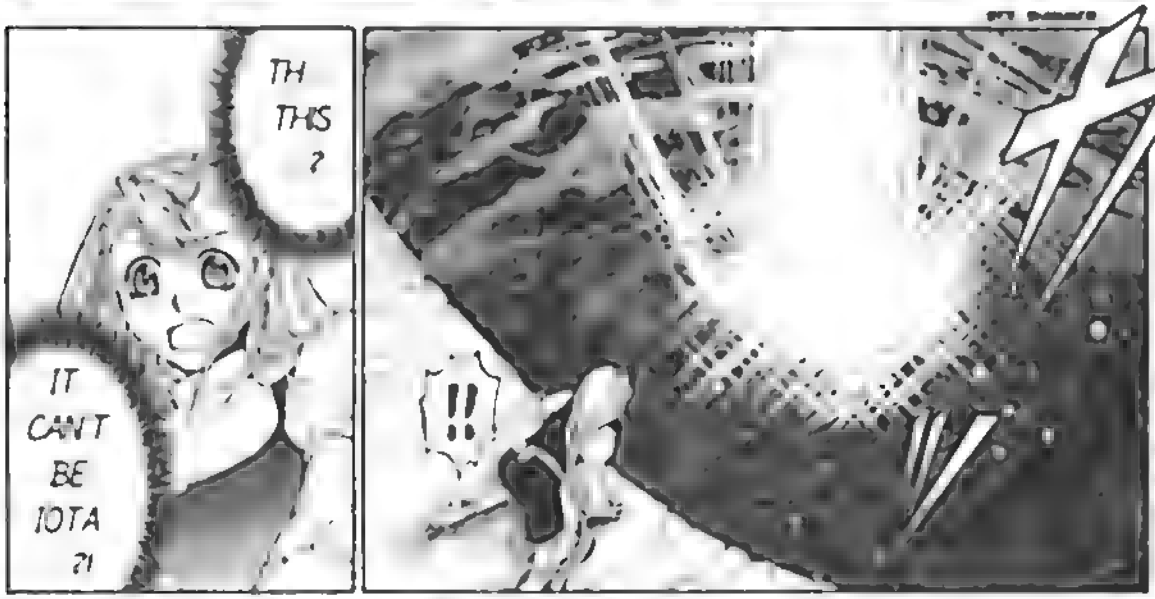
If even a bit of that opportunity presents itself, don't you think that, rather than giving up, one would give his all to seize it ...?
Knowledge of the past ... there is a chance that the foundations of such a past can even change the future ...

... one would give his all ...
If the opportunity presents itself ...

... Give his all !! .....!
That's right ... If this evil spirit's true form is the arrogance and greed contained in the engram
If it breaks, the evil spirit will disappear ...
If I break it ....!!
... there may still be a chance ....!
The relic will be reduced to pebbles, but ...

In exchange for that, I can choose to save Phiona and this town —
Um!
Ah! Watch out!

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THIS
?
IT
CAN'T
BE
IOTA
?!
!!

!!

The color of the water ...!!

!!

What was that, Iota?
Uh ... Rose ...?
Father Joel!!
Ah ...
Wh ... what happened ...?
This is ...
... a miracle ...!
The water town of ages ago ...

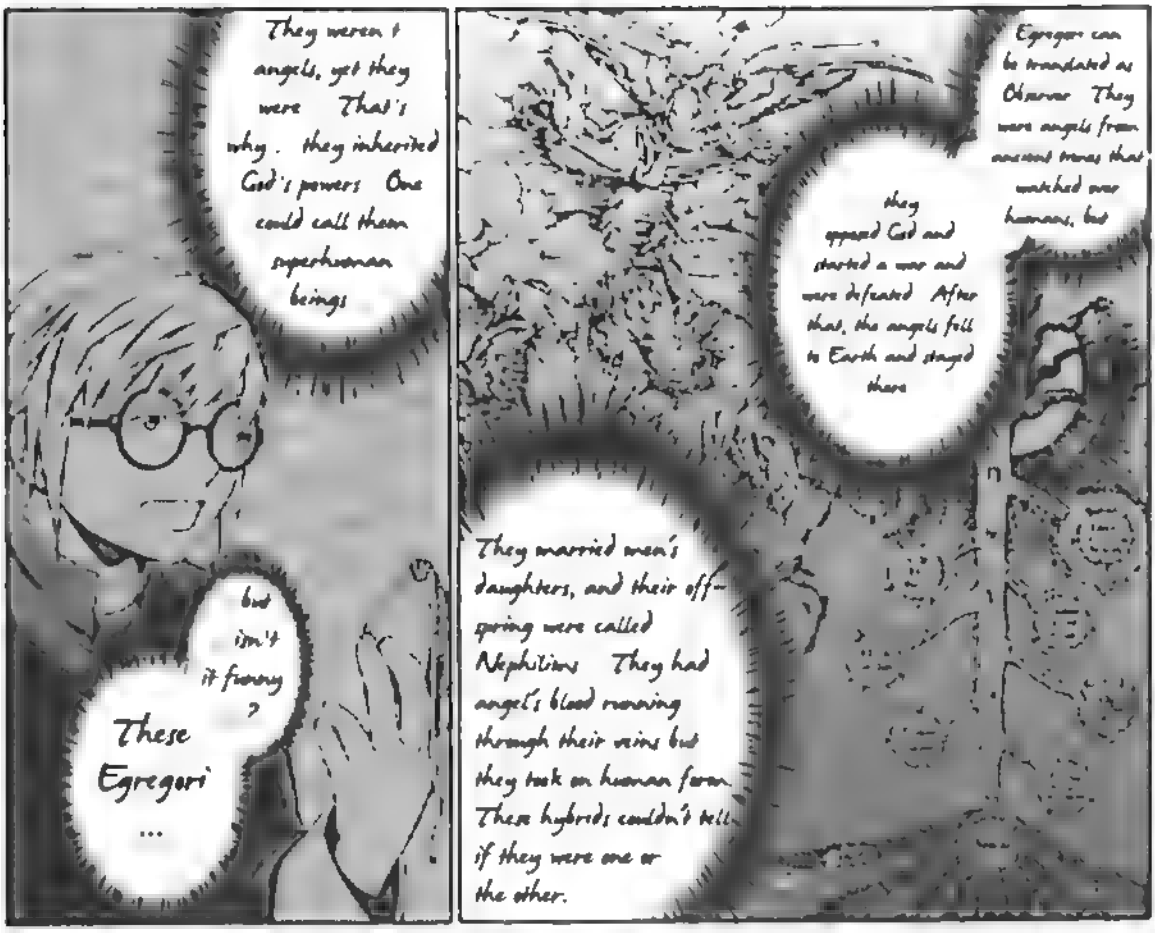
No matter how many evil spirits came out of an ancient relic, to have broken it with my very own hands ..
... is something that my former self would not have been able to do. Your words have changed me.
Eh ?
Iota . just what did you tell him?
To think that the evil spirit trapped inside the angelon had stopped the flow of water in the canal ...
.. and it's all thanks to you that water has returned to this town. I'm truly grateful to you.

Ro ... Rose ...?
... and we'd rather have a more concrete settlement, you see?
Well ... a thanks is just a thanks ...

... we could consider it free of charge if you agree to collaborate with RADEM and take on the task of deciphering these ancient documents for us.
... since we are fellow clergy-people ...
But you know ...
.. the charge for perilous situations is 1,000,000 runes ... for a total of 3,000,000 runes, correct?
Even if we forget about this being a business trip, exorcism expenses are 1,300,000 runes and equipment expenses are 70,000 runes .
Wh ... what ...?!

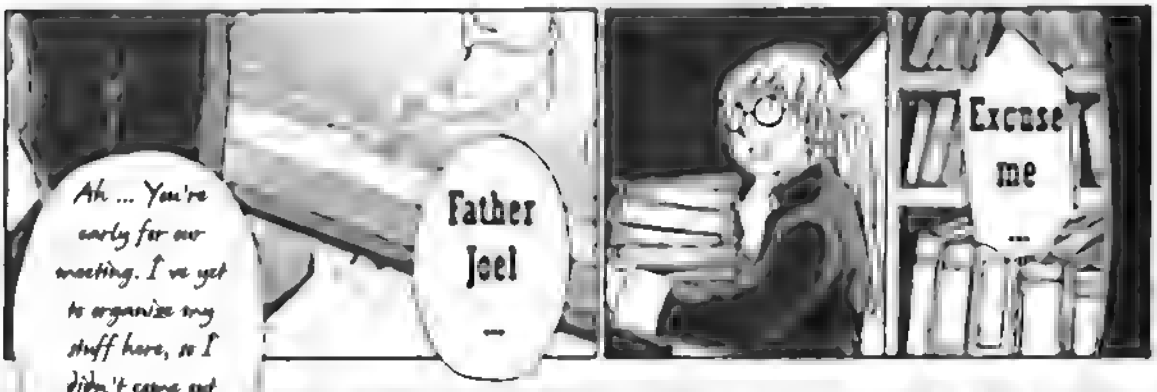
Well, that seems much less expensive ...
Ha ... haha ...
SFX. PUTTER PUTTER
Nice, nice ...
At the beginning, I thought we wouldn't make it . but we got the data pretty smoothly.
But, Rose ... isn't this is a little bit too much ...?
Of course not! Don't you think this much is at least enough to shut that girl up?
Oh, well ... The most important part is the section pertaining to the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" ...
Originally, the beings are a part of a legend, but it seems that, up until ten years ago, the leaders of the Vatican's knight troops were called that.
Speaking of ... you were told that you were one of them, weren't you?
According to the prophecy, by the time of the end, the shackles of the four knights will loosen and provoke a war. They'll fight even the religious. The slaughter will last as long as seven days and nights, and the world's population will be reduced by half ...

However ... once their purpose of slaughter is satisfied their four weapons will destroy themselves and become a key ...
Such ...
... a dreadful thing ...
What's with you and that serious face?
It's just an ancient scripture ...
The Iota of right now is just worthless.
Yeah ... I'm sorry ...
Oh, by the way, did you show him that pendant you got from Mr. Bart?
Oh ... this one?
But ... the Iota from that time was a bit scary, though ...
Egregori ...
I heard of it a long time ago, but ... there's not much information on it ...
It's from really ancient times ... Almost all remaining data was regarded as prohibited literature and was gotten rid of ...


They weren't angels, yet they were. That's why they inherited God's powers. One could call them superhuman beings.
but isn't it funny?
These Egregori ...
Egregori can be translated as Observer. They were angels from ancient times that watched over humans, but
they opposed God and started a war and were defeated. After that, the angels fell to Earth and stayed there.
They married men's daughters, and their offspring were called Nephilims. They had angel's blood running through their veins but they took on human form. These hybrids couldn't tell if they were one or the other.

GoodBye SMYRNA
Angels? What kind of nonsense are you spouting?
If that were the case then wouldn't they be angels?
Hey, Rose ...
They seem just like you Stigmasters ... One could say that you give the same feelings ...

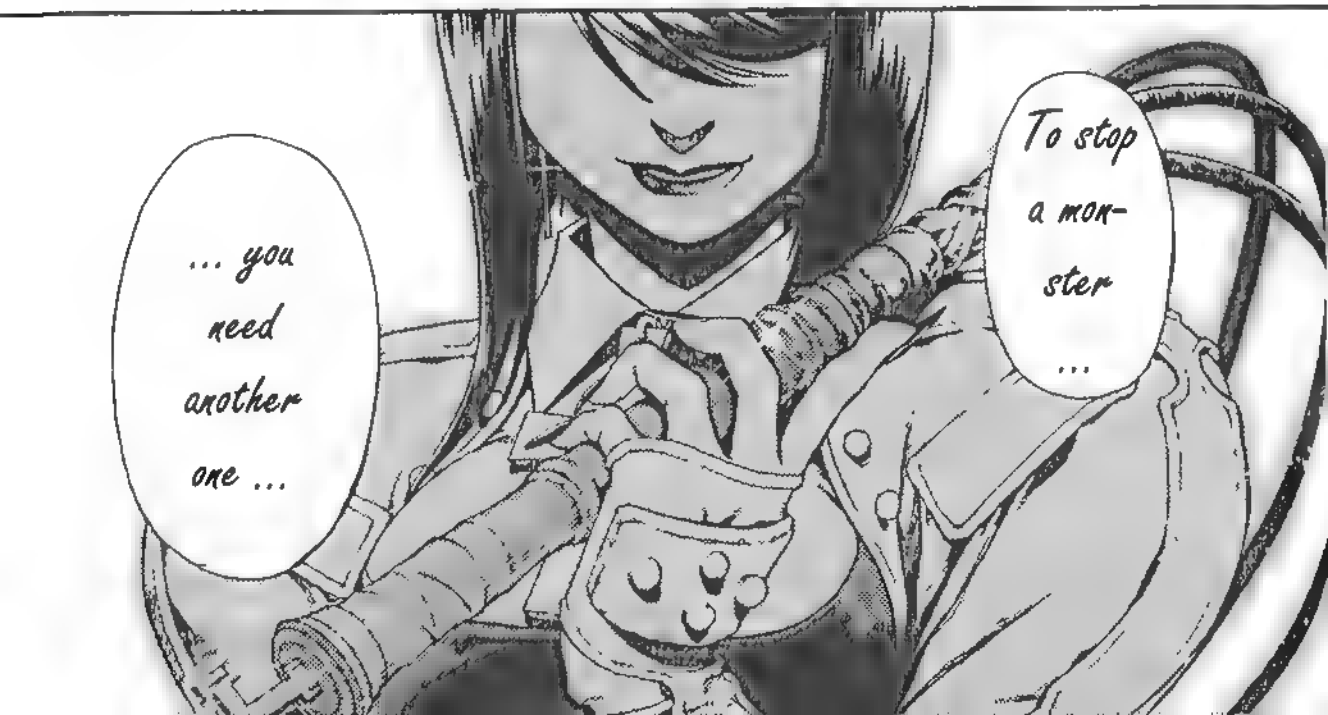
There's no way that such evil people could be angels.


Father Joel ...
Ah ... You're early for our meeting. I've yet to organize my stuff here, so I didn't come out to greet you ...
Excuse me ...

I only have a few things I would like to ask you.
No ... it's all right.

NORTHERN SARDIS COUNTRY
SADE EMPEROR'S TERRITORY
What a problem. We can't go this way either.
Having us go in circles like this... it's as if they don't want to meet with us.
Ha ha... he's going this far to hide himself, but it's not like we'll give up that easily.
What's that?
Hm?

LET ME TAKE CARE OF THAT ISSUE ...
POPE ... YOUR MAJESTY ...
SFX: STEP
It's unreasonable to permit Hizel to go to the lord's castle! Just what is he planning to do?!
I know what you mean... but...
If we turn the emperor of Sade into our enemy, it will be the end of Zion Country. We *must* stop him!!
RADEM is of extraterritorial rights to us.
You?
If you go, who will guard the Vatican?
IT WON'T TAKE MORE THAN HALF A DAY, AND RIGHT NOW, I THINK HIZEL IS THE UTMOST PRIORITY.


To stop a monster ...
... you need another one ...

From today on, we will be conducting an inquiry into RADEM, so we ask for all of your cooperation.
Wh ... what? An inquiry ...?
We are a holy inspection unit dispatched by the Vatican.
Everyone, please stay where you are and don't move!
SFX BANG
Control Room Director! Where are your orders?!
They ... Aren't they "Gideon", the holy knights squad? What are they doing here?!
There! Don't touch those documents!
Please suspend all RADEM activities until the inquisition is concluded!
.....

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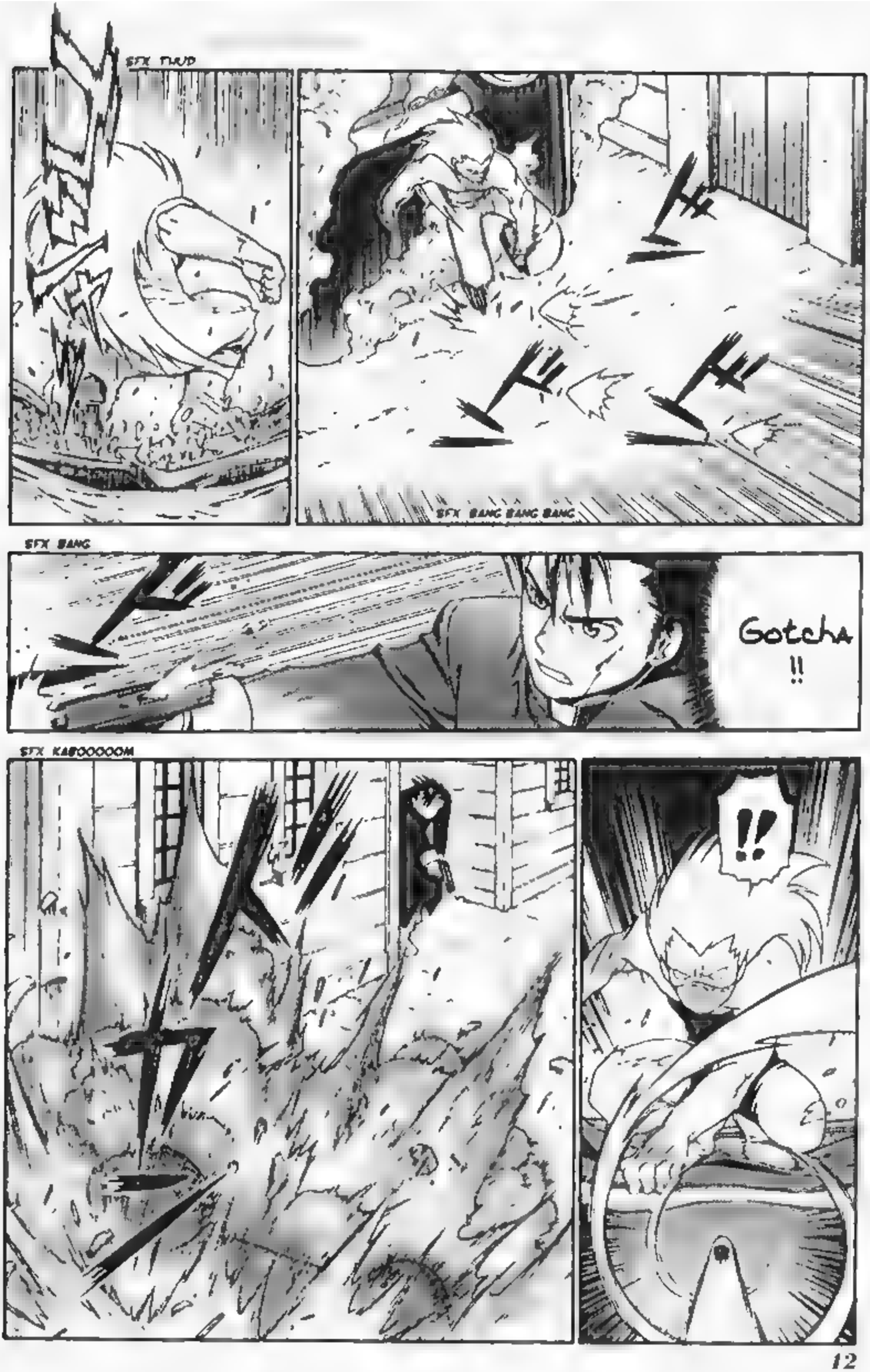
Gospel No. 7 : Beluae [Beasts]

We're being kept here under house arrest by the Vatican's inspectors.
But we've almost reached Zon!!
That's why I'm telling you that of the external teams, you guys are the closest to Sardis!!
You want us to go from here to Sardis to bring the boss back with us?
Phone KIOS
Huh?!
They won't let us out right now
and for the time being, we ought to try to get coordinated with the boss!
SFX: CHATTER CHATTER
SFX: BANG BANG BANG
WHAT WAS THAT? JUST WHAT IS GOING ON?!
And, more to the point, it is the Hennich noble lady's order
"Run till your legs fall off" or something like that

SFX. DISLODGE
How many magazines left?
Only a spare one ...
How 'bout you, Boss?
Ahh, me, too ...
Are you okay, Samuel?
Yes.
Keep your eyes open!
That bastard! He's just buying some time and is leaving us without ammo ..

SFX. SLIDE
However, jumping onto the car and suddenly turning it over ... Is that a monster?!
More like one of the Emperor's specially-bred hounds ...
Boss ... then that means ...
Yeah ... It means our guess was right!!


SFX THUD
SFX BANG BANG BANG
SFX BANG
Gotcha
!!
SFX KABOOOOOM
!!

Geez ... how are we going to get back with the car like that?
バキッ
Did I ... get it ...?
Boss!! Watch out!!!
SFX BOOOOOM
Samuel !!

!!

Samuel! Are you all right?!

(x*+

Damn bastard !!

You ...!!

Damn it!!

The magazine's empty ...!

Okay ...

Eat this ...!!!

SFX: BANG!

BART'S DELUXE! Tungsten alloy bullet forged from a silver crucifix and Holy fire!

I was ordered to come here by the main office ...

Rose! What are you doing here?!

Boss Hizel! Father Samuel!! Are you okay?!

That's ... Mr. Bart told me that he wouldn't make any more bullets if I don't shout out the name when I use them ...

I'm pretty embarrassed by that myself

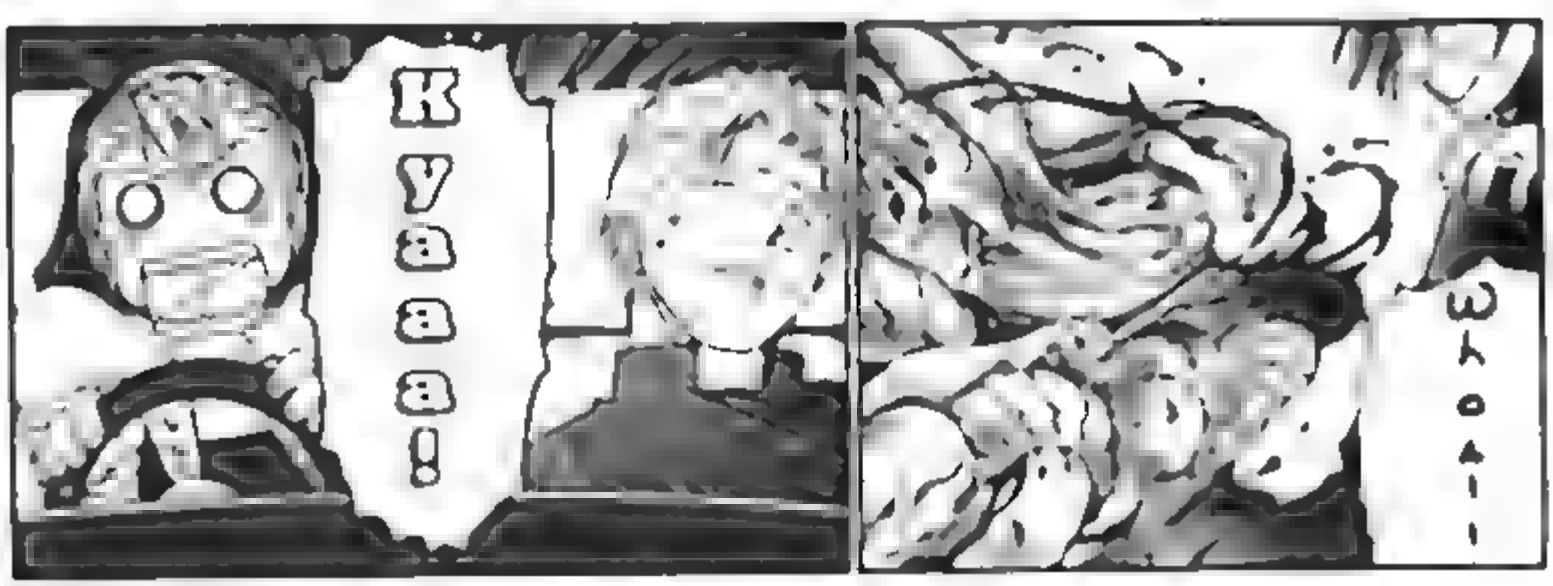
Though I'm grateful that you saved me ... . what's with the über-long name of that bullet?

Let's get Samuel in the car first .

Whatever ...

The ... the Holy mark is !

Boss! He's here!!
So he wasn't just a normal human after all, huh?


Kyaaa!
ゴゴゴゴ…

SFX: BLAST

Aah! The Holy Water barrels on the roof were broken!!

ROAAAAR!

ROARRRRR!

SFX: KABOOOOM

Whoa !!

!!

SFX: CLICK

I've created a sacred area with the Holy water

With this, the two inside the car will be safe for now

That's impossible! It isn't something that comes out as easily as you'd call out your memories !!!
Eeh ?!
Iota! Cover me!!
Activate your Holy power!
SFX: CRUNCH
Haven't you been training the whole time you've been running around with Rose ?!
What do you mean, 'impossible'?!
Duck !!!
UWAA !!
No, actually ...
It's just seems to happen when I meet up with someone with malicious intent while in extremely dangerous situations, and
SFX BOOOOOOOOM!!
Tch! Are you trying to tell me that this situation isn't dire enough for you to do it?!

SFX CLICK CLICK

カチッ

カチッ

UGH !!

!!

!!

Again without bullets ...!!

SFX WHOOSH

SFX CRACK CRACK

SFX CRUNCH

IOTA !!!!

キィッ
キィッ
Rose! Sam-uel!!
SFX CREAK CREAK
Even here ... huh ...?
SFX. CLINK
ズチ"
... even if I get crushed ...
... I'll take you down, too!!!
You damn demon ...
Don't think that I'll give up here like this!!
SFX CLANK
It doesn't matter if I'm un-armed ...

Ugh My head

SO Ugh

TH'S PLACE

TH'S IS WHERE I'VE FALLEN

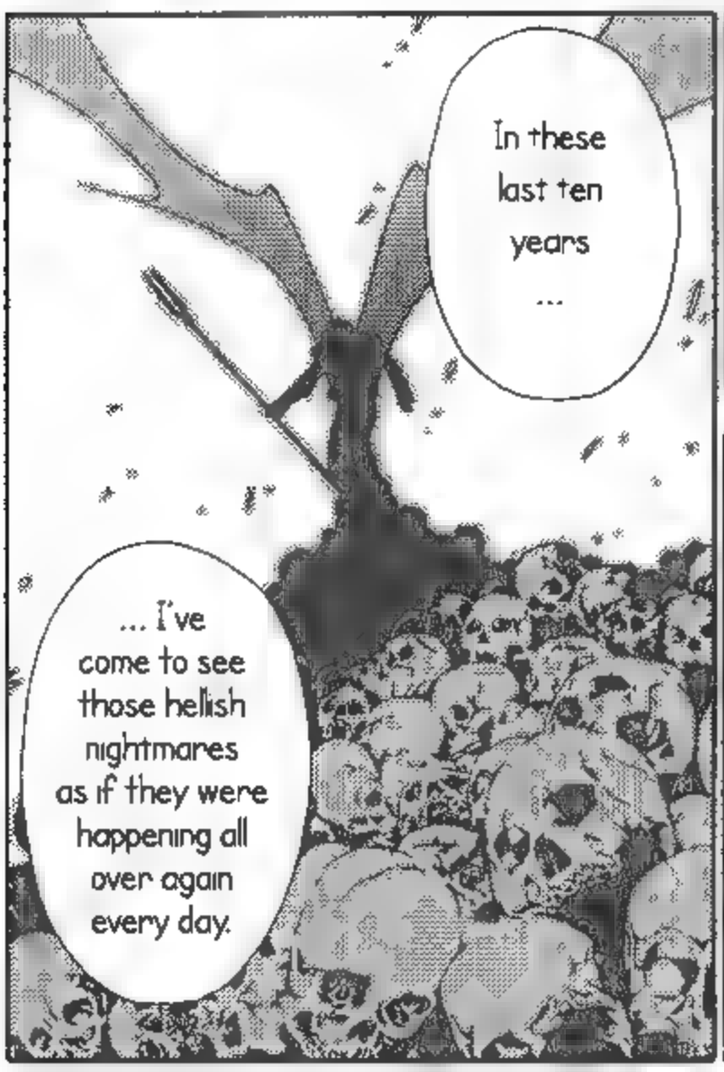
!!

SFX: FLIP
SFX: FWOOOOOOOSH
MY HOLY POWER?
SO THERE'S A DEMON HERE, TOO?!

What?! This sen- sation ?!

!!

SFX: WHAM
Boss!!
SFX: COUGH


In these last ten years ...
... I've come to see those hellish nightmares as if they were happening all over again every day.

I... I see ..
So it was *him* ...

The one you call your master is *him* ..
This sensation I can't forget, even if I wanted to ...

As if everything would be driven to the brink of a deep despair
!!

... a fire forged to engulf the entire world!!

Because it's all been kept under the seal of my heart ... That's why ...
... I won't let it happen a second time!
To ensure that a mistake like that never happens again is the reason we exist!

Boss ... what are you ...?

That's why I can't just let it end like this ...

That way ... even if I die ... I'll live on!

Even if that is something that God, Himself, cannot stop ...!!

There are still things that I have to do!!

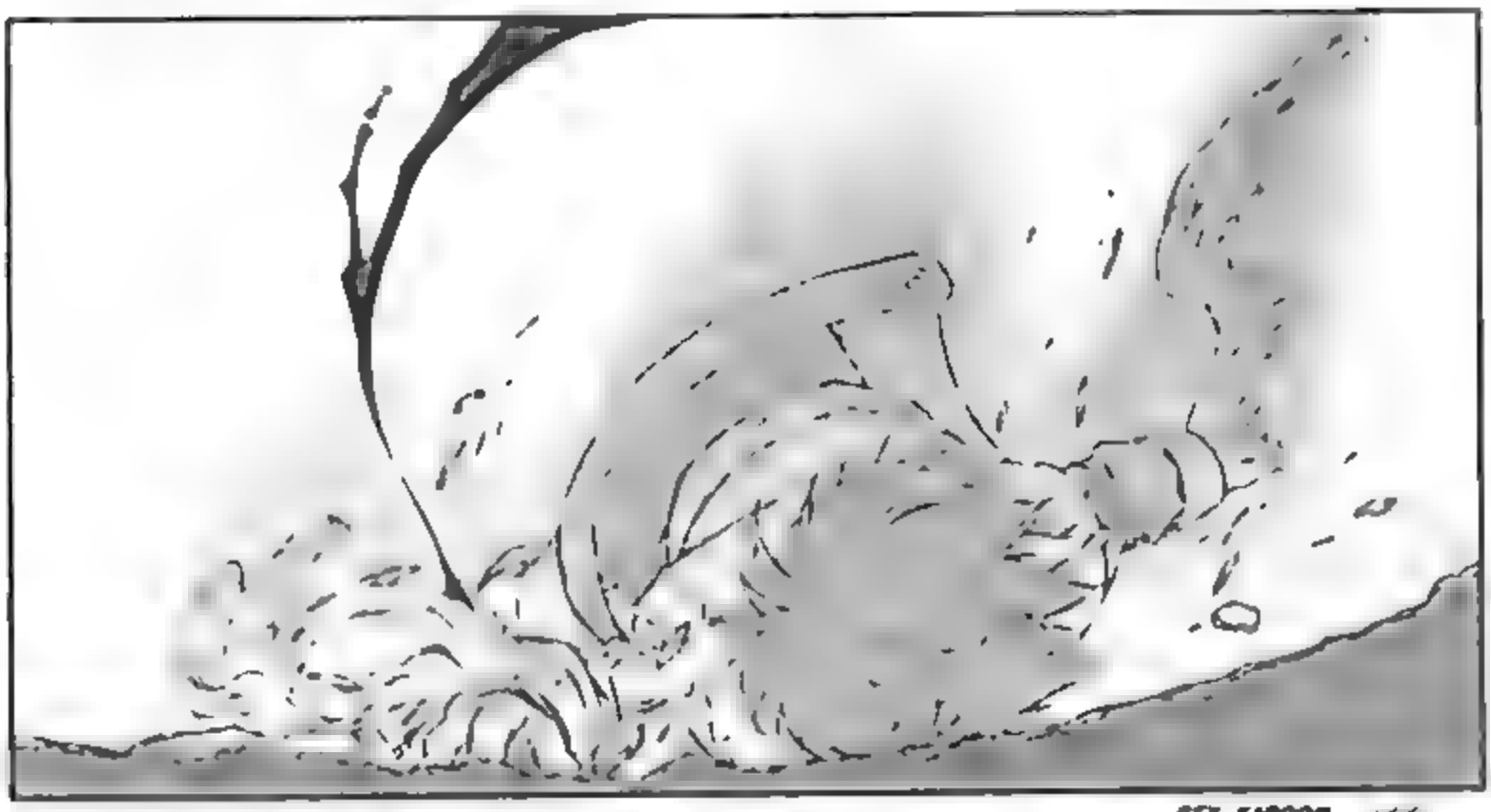
God ... You're listening to me, ain't you?!

Give me back the reason that I exist!!

Let me fight !!!!

Bo ...
Boss
...
HOLY
POWER
RELEASED!!

Tonight
will be the birth of our war with those heroes of Yours ...
Because my enemy with the power to summon the Beasts dies!!



STR. KABOOM

Ack!
SFX: FWOOOOOSH
SFX: ROAAAAAR
I've finally regained my powers, but I cannot summon my strength
SFX: COUGH
B... Boss!
SFX: SCREECH
Ugh... What the hell...?!
Are you okay?!

God!!

You've gotta be kidding me

BTX: CRASH

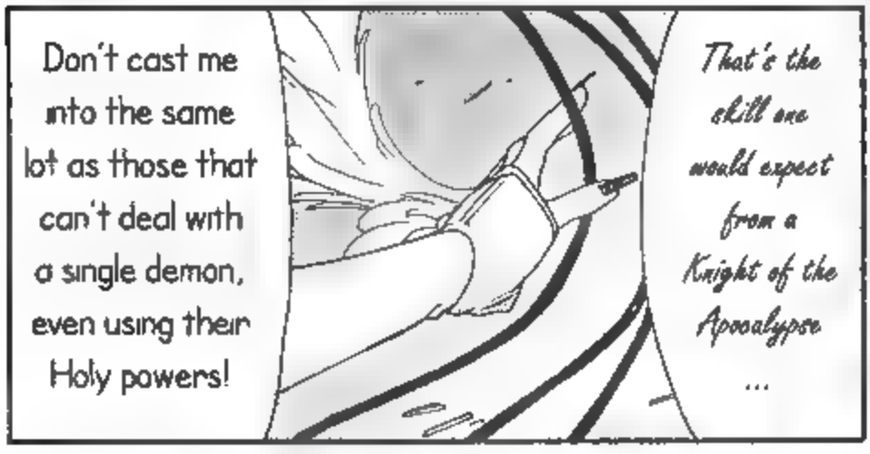
Punish those who are insolent: wield your whip against those who are foolish ...

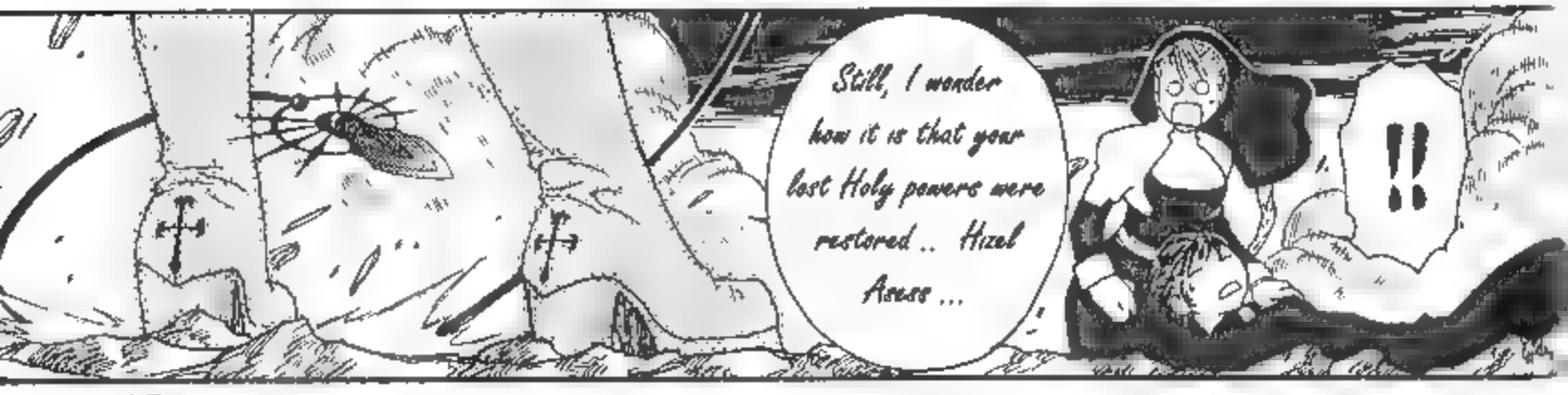
!?

SFX: SPLASH

A brilliant display of skill, as always, Leader!
The target has been completely annihilated! Now the lesser demons are retreating, too!!

KYAA!


Don't cast me into the same lot as those that can't deal with a single demon, even using their Holy powers!
That's the skill one would expect from a Knight of the Apocalypse ...


Still, I wonder how it is that your lost Holy powers were restored .. Hizel Asses ...
!!

THE LEADER OF "GIDEON", SENT BY THE VERY CORE OF THE VATICAN'S MAIN OFFICE! THE ASPIRATION OF EACH AND EVERY NUN ...!!
UWAA! THAT WOMAN ...!!
THE BLACK HOLY NUN ... MOTHER ESTHER-MARIA ...!!
Maria ... why has the most valuable Holy Knight of the government come here?
My, my ... always shooting off with that nasty mouth of yours ... Sorry, but I like it ...
Per vert ...
He he he he ... Anyway, they're about to clean this place out, so shall we talk for awhile?
I heard that there was a bad child who ignored his superiors again and came here, but ...
... it seems like he would die if I spanked him
If that's the case, then I'd rather die right here!

Really that Stigmata
It's just about time, isn't it ?
... and him. too.
Mana ...
Iota's below ...

Vice-Chief!
We found him!!
He's unconscious and bleeding badly
Could he have fought something here...?
Look
It's the seal of the Sadie Family
Hey! Don't touch that!!

This is the near-est we can approach

Ha
-

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Jota
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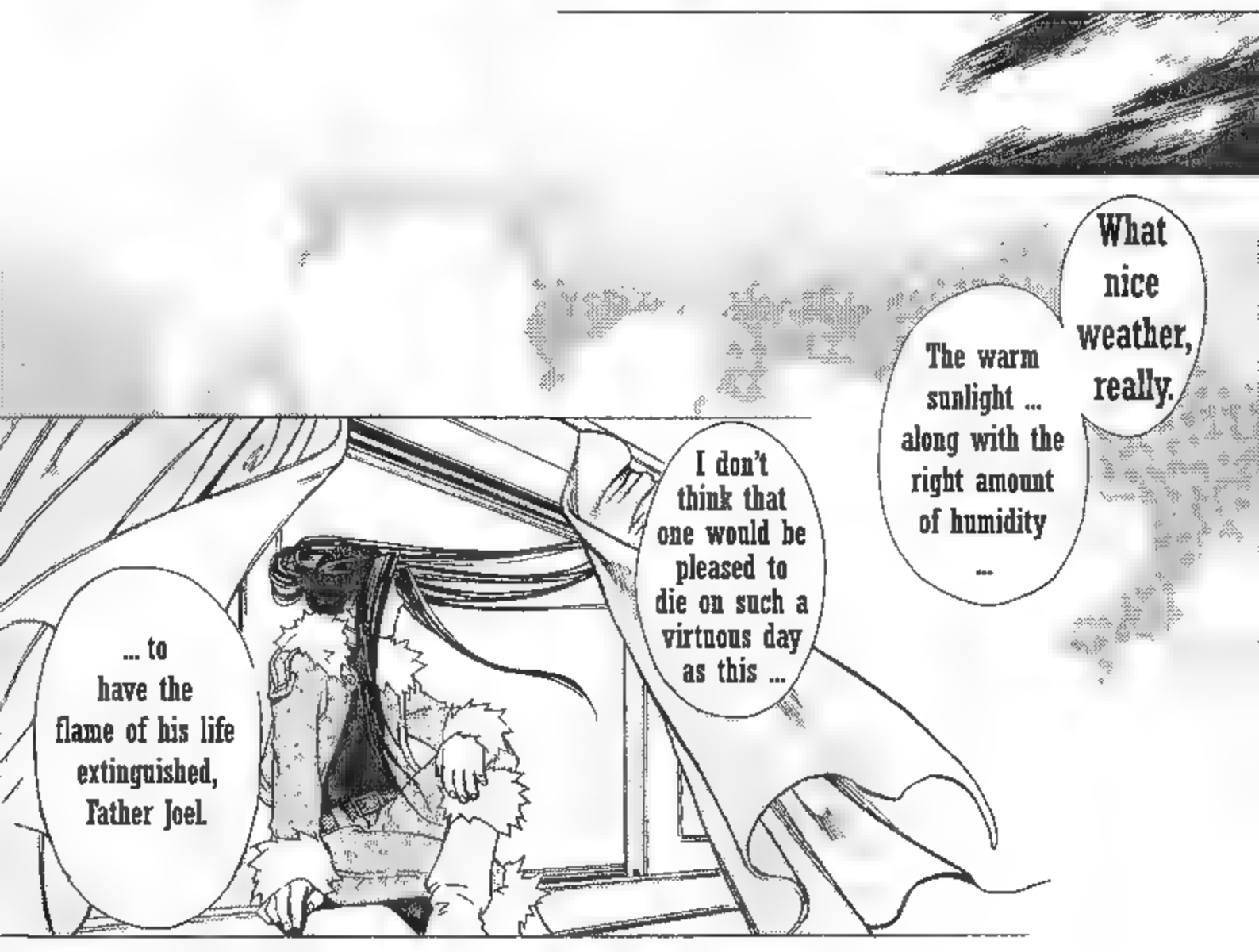

What nice weather, really.
The warm sunlight ... along with the right amount of humidity ...
I don't think that one would be pleased to die on such a virtuous day as this ...
... to have the flame of his life extinguished, Father Joel.

What a fool ...
!!
But since you kept on dragging at me, it couldn't be helped –
You must be tired after being tied like that all last night –
Well, then – We should hurry and end this.
Hmmm –
Four Knights of the Apocalypse and their four weapons, huh – So this is where the key was ...
I can finally give my master a nice gift –
That is why "Human Viscera Divination" is what I enjoy the most –
The flesh is always honest. It never lies, you see?

But isn't it ironic ...?
to think that it was the same one with the key to their destruction
Father Joel ... It's me, Piona!

Stigma
-The Forging of a Saint-
It's danger-ous; every-one get down!!
Fully unleash your holy power and strengthen that defensive line!!
Uwaaaa! Can't do it!! It won't hold any more!!
Just what in the world are they doing there?!
Those idiots ...!!

待望のコミックス第1巻、
12月9日、堂々発売!!
イオタの過去が明かされる時
新たな悲劇の幕が上がる!!
スティグマータ
STIGMATA
Four Knights of the Apocalypse
et soluti sunt quattuor angeli qui parati erant in horam et diem et mensem
et annum ut occiderent tertiam partem hominum
～赤煉の聖者～
Gospel No.8: Ad Noctum[闇の中へ]
高治星(コウヤソン)

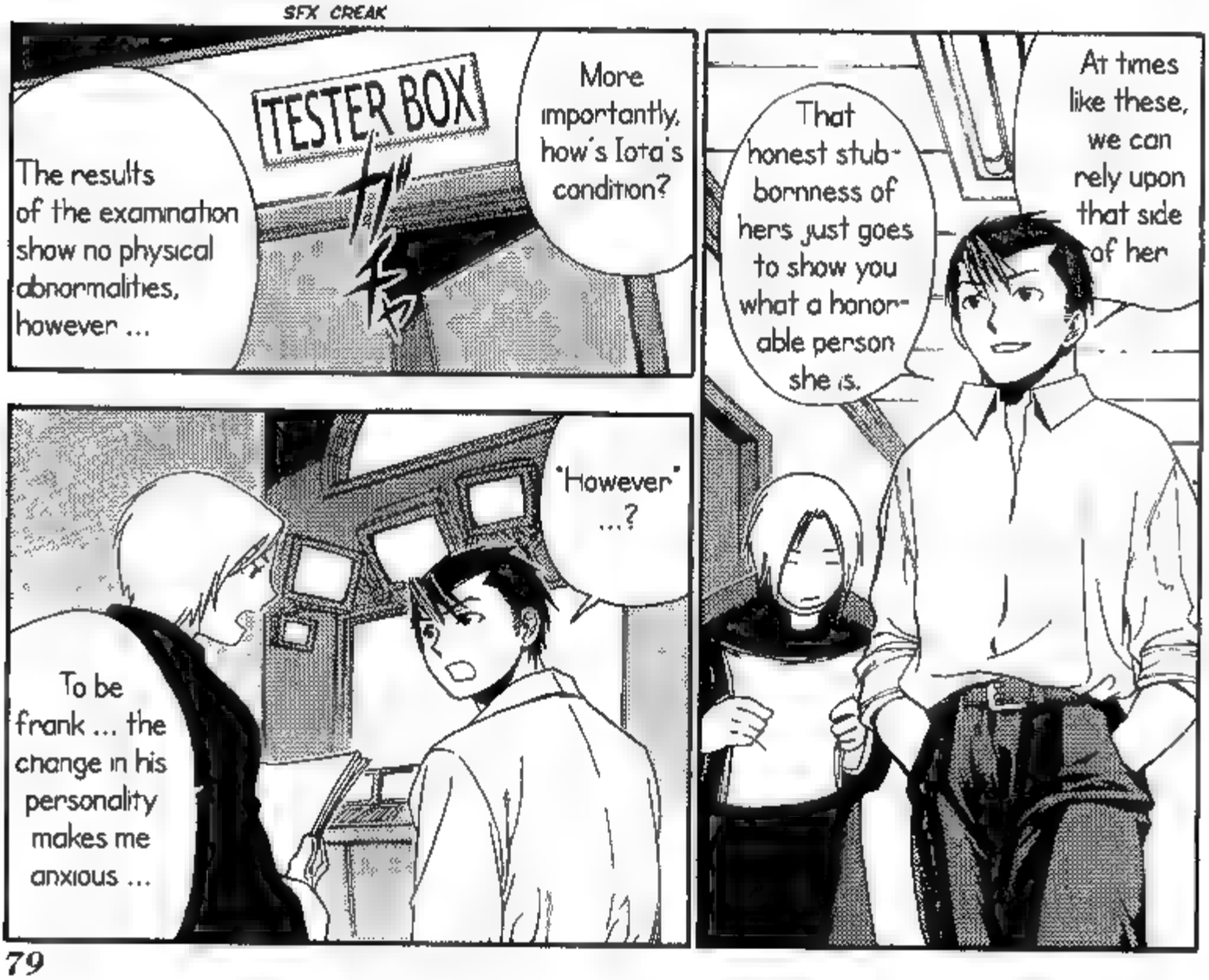
Gospel No. 8:
Ad Noctum [Into the Night]

HUFF
HUFF
SFX: ZSAAAAAAA
HUFF
A... dream ...?
WITH THIS ...
LET'S FINISH IT ALL, IOTA ...
SFX: HEARTBEAT

SFX: BANG
What do you mean, RADEM has been forbidden entrance to the Sade Emperor's territories?!
Zion Country has been in ruins for a long time, clinging to the little pride and the small territory it has while every other country spies upon it!
It is so pathetic that it almost makes me shed a tear!!
Are you even aware of the precarious position that your covert actions have put the Vatican into?
Are you planning on destroying Zion Country's future by turning the royal family into our enemy?!
You're one to talk! You are a Holy Knight, yet you threaten to kill me, huh? Savage woman!!
SFX: TA-DA!
They fight whenever they meet They haven't changed at all
This scene It's been awhile since we had to witness one of these
Even though you are a clergyman, you dare to blaspheme against our holy country, Zion? I'll kill you!!
SFX - GRRRR

Since when does a Holy Knight become a politician?!
And you sure have changed, just like that!
Nowadays, the Vatican does nothing but turn a blind eye to the Sade Emperor's actions; or can you prove me wrong?!
Don't you know the meaning of the word, 'diplomacy'?! As usual, you are a man who won't adapt to change!
After the Holy War ended, most of the clergymen abandoned the ruined country of Zion
so if I took on the role of a politician, it's because the continent's bishops have fled to what remains of that holy kingdom.
As the sole Holy Knight left in the Vatican, I will protect Zion!!
And I will never forgive anyone who dares to threaten the Vatican or Zion Country in any way! Never!!

SFX: SLAM
That is the purpose of my existence!
Yeah.
Seems as though Lady Maria hasn't changed at all


SFX CREAK
TESTER BOX
The results of the examination show no physical abnormalities, however ...
More importantly, how's Iota's condition?
That honest stubbornness of hers just goes to show you what a honorable person she is.
At times like these, we can rely upon that side of her
"However" ...?
To be frank ... the change in his personality makes me anxious ...

That guy --- that Iota . There's no way we could call that being our ally, so we cannot know if that would be a good thing or not ...
. once he regains his memories, he will revert to his old self ...
Right now, he is our greatest weapon, but ...

If we can somehow manage to make the first move ...
Since my holy power has returned, you might as well say that it is just the same as the Holy War ten years ago
Second Tester Reset-ting
We don't have any other choice now. The war has already begun .

!!
Aren't you rushing things a bit too much ...
... Father Hizel?

Why aren t you taking the recovery of your own lost holy power into account at all ?
That s why, even though I understand your desire to end everything in one fell swoop
The test results, compared to those from nine years ago, show that he might have already recovered most of his holy powers, you see!
SFX SSSSUT
Why is it that you're finally regaining the holy power that was lost to you until now?
What do you mean?
... and to top it all off, the knight from the very Vatican, back on the move
... the discovery of the knight who was supposed to be dead
the recovery of your long lost holy powers
Upon finding the Knights of the Apocalypse, whose whereabouts were unknown, we have a sudden resurgence of the high ranking demons .
One by one, the pieces are coming back together
Isn t it as though time were repeating itself ?

The conditions for the onset of the Holy War ...
Are you saying that's why my powers are returning?
The Holy War is happening again ...
Control Room Director!!
However ... take it as a warning from a conexit who could once foresee the future ...
... for the equilibrium to not be offset ...
I wonder ... In my current state, I cannot tell that for sure ...

Th
everything confined in this world is rising
Life and death ...
something must be destroyed
lose ...
... and there's
Now that this huge holy power is in
where, then it may be that the equilibrium

then that's another story
Of course, if one is prepared to pay that price
That's why I'm scared to use my holy powers
.. because of the high price that will have to be paid in exchange
Uh ... Boss ...?
. . Is that girl really nine years old ...?

A HUGE POWER IN MOTION ...?
IT CAN'T BE ...!!

A crystalline slash as if the glass were made from the purest waters of Philadephia Country
A crepe crafted by the proud masters of the hundred year old tradition with Sardis Country's finest fruit ...
chomp
If I could eat this every day, even I would work for RADEW!!
KYAA!!!
Delicious!!!
Somehow, this feels like deja vu
... since we're currently in a hospital . . Could you be a little ... quieter ...?
Ah! This is my favorite! 76% extra rich chocolate!!
Err ... Lady Maria ...
Oh my my ...what's this? This jelly! It's Porpano Country's specialty, Mango Twist!!

SFX CLANK

. . Is it okay for me to be relaxing like this ...?

I feel as though there is a bunch of stuff I still have yet to do . .

You haven't finished yours yet

Iata ... what's with you?

SFX: CHOMP CHOMP

I feel like the little bit of my memories that I've gotten back will disappear if I don't do anything ...

... and going slowly like this, I can't help, getting nervous somehow ...

Well, then ... just what is it that you can do right now?

But ..!

What are you saying? You've just woken up after being unconscious for three days!

It's nothing you can settle by yourself, you know
For now, be a good kid, and let your body rest
Huh?
What do you plan on doing when you don't know who you are fighting against or even why?
You and Hisui and He' are like the years on a clock
If one of us performs badly, there'll be problems
He...? Ten years ago?
I... This time I feel as though I've seen a lot of things there...
just like ten years ago...

It's a bit vague, but I felt something ..
. . a hellish pain ... an unbearable sadness ... stretched to the very ends of anyone's limits ...
It was all mine ...? Was it someone else's ...? I don't know ... but . . I must hurry . I must make it stop, no matter what .
If I don't do it, something terrible might happen ...
Iota . .
Hey
Iota
How's that? Did it hurt?
!!

If we get smacked, it hurts, and our wounds do bleed, as well!!
Just because we heal fast does not mean that we are made of steel!!
Stigmasters are humans, too!!
Rose
She scares me
How cool!! ♡
If you don't, you'll only be a burden !!
The time to fight will come, whether you are impatient or not! If you want to fight when it does, then you'd better make sure that you have properly healed first!
In that case ... I must fix it once and for all, right now! ♡
SEXTACHOO!
That Hizel ... Just how did he train you?!
It's as if I'm watching a replica of a young Hizel ...
Get ready!
?
Uh ..
IN JAPAN, WHEN ONE SNEEZES, IT IS SAID THAT SOMEONE IS TALKING ABOUT HIM OR HER.

SARDIS COUNTRY
SADE CASTLE
SFX: CREEEAK
SFX: STEP STEP STEP
How's the emperor ?
To think that the key to open the seal was something so easy ... What a disappointment
I can't say for certain, how much it has weakened, but
The seal has already begun to loosen ...

SFX: Fooooooom
That the other seals will loosen as well is only a matter of time ...
You were the one who explained to me how this seal was connected to their holy powers, Balakiel ...
SFX: Gooooooom
So it's okay to break our ties with the Emperor now, right?
No ... More like, for the sake of our master's recovery, the Emperor's status will be vital ...
It's just a name, but it's keeping Zion and RADEM at bay ...
Heh heh heh ...
SFX: Fooooooom

TL SHEMIHAZAH ALSO SEMIHAZAH SHEMYAZAZ SHAMHAZAI SEMJAZAZ SHAMSIEL HIS NAME COULD BE READ AS INFAMOUS REBELLION RATHER THAN SHAMSIEL HE WAS ORIGINALLY THE MOST POWERFUL AND HIGHEST RANKING OF SHMIHORIM OR A BAND OF ANGELS CALLED THE GRIGORI THE WATCHERS THAT ARE CONSUMED WITH LUST FOR MORTAL WOMEN AND BECOME FALLEN ANGELS SEMIHAZAH CONVINCED SHEMIHAZAH TO JOIN HIM IN FORMING A PACT WITH HIM AS A RESULT HE AND THE OTHER SINFUL ANGELS BECAME GIANTS OF RISING IN GENESIS CALLED NEPHILIM OR FALLEN ONES IN HEBREW THAT DOMINATED AND FEASTED UPON HUMANS DURING THE DAYS OF ENOCH

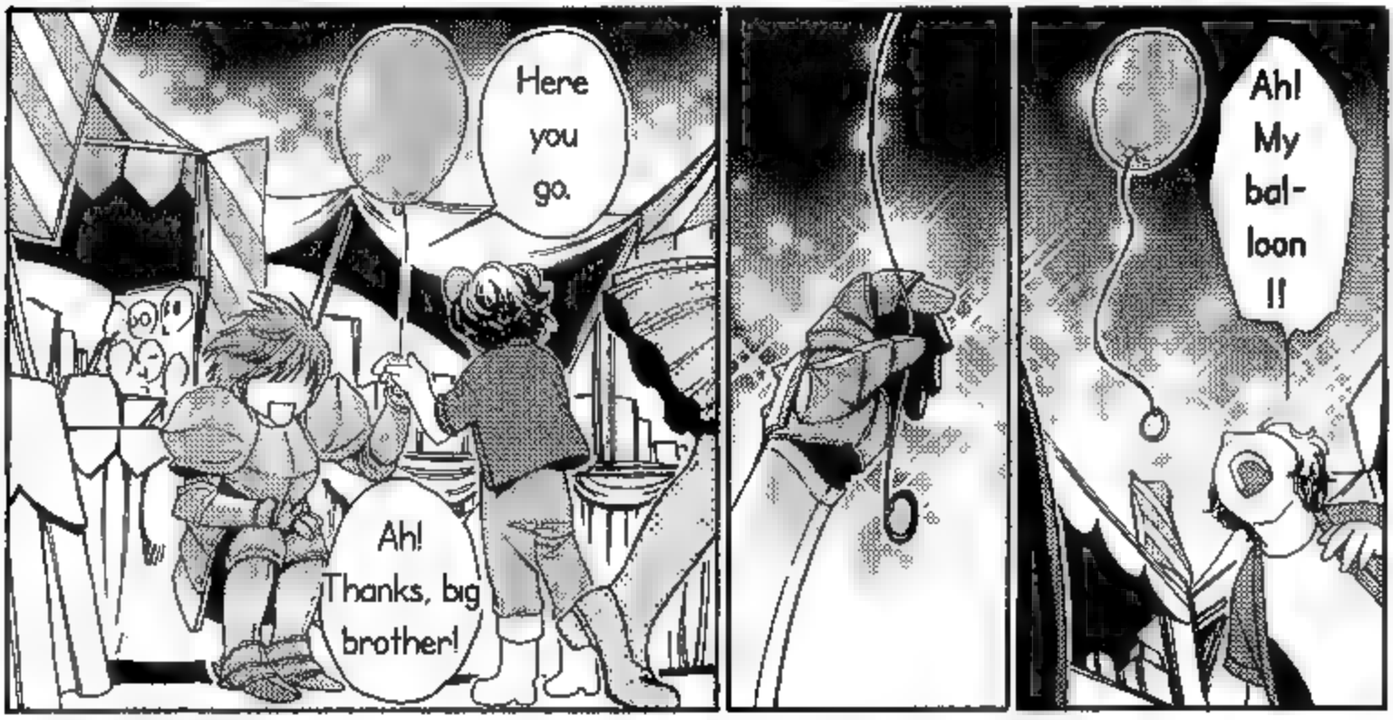
TAKEN FROM WIKIPEDIA

You still despise that name ... You haven't changed in the past ten years ...
Wa-ha-ha-ha!
It's perfect! Everything is back to how it was at that time!
All that is left is to begin the bloody feast one more time!
To completely awaken our master and to finally bring this world to an end ...
... we will sacrifice thousands and thousands of humans and their blood ... Let us begin preparations for our Banquet of Despair!!
SFX: DUN DUN!

It's okay; it's okay! It's a costume !!
Plus, saying such things is a no-no for a RADEM member
It's been such a long time since I've been to a festival! ♡ How fun! ♪
...B-but ...
..being a nun ... these clothes are a bit ..
Ah ... no ... but after all .. this is embarra--
If the boss finds out about this ...
If he fires you, I'll pick you up!
In that case, aren't you a Holy Knight of the Vatican, Lady Maria ...?
Today I'm just a sexy witch! Ohohoho!!
SFX: SNEAK
SFX: SNEAK

Rose! Forgive me-e-e!
Waaah!
Just what are you touching, you pervert?!
SFX. POW
SFX. CHATTER
Scary
Uh
It's a violent bunny
Rose do you have a butaman attached to your butt?
SFX. (JOTA'S SOUL) AH AH AH
N-no ...! It's not what you think!!
SFX. SMACK
Aah!!

TO THE BOY CALLED A NII-CHAN, WHICH IS VERY CUTE. DOES NOT TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH IN QUITE THE SAME WAY.
TYPESETTER NOTE: HOW ADORABLE.



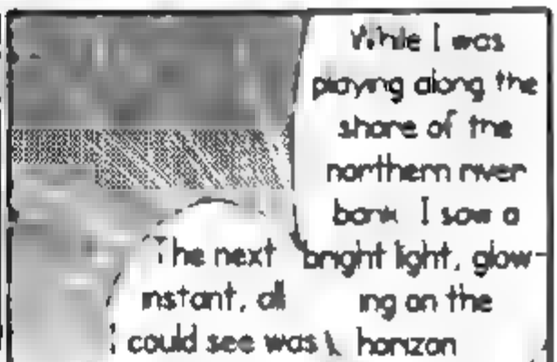
That lota... He still loves the festival as much as he used to...
Eh? He did?
Let's go together then!!
Really? I haven't seen that!
Yeah! I saw a man who breathed fire out of his mouth, too!!

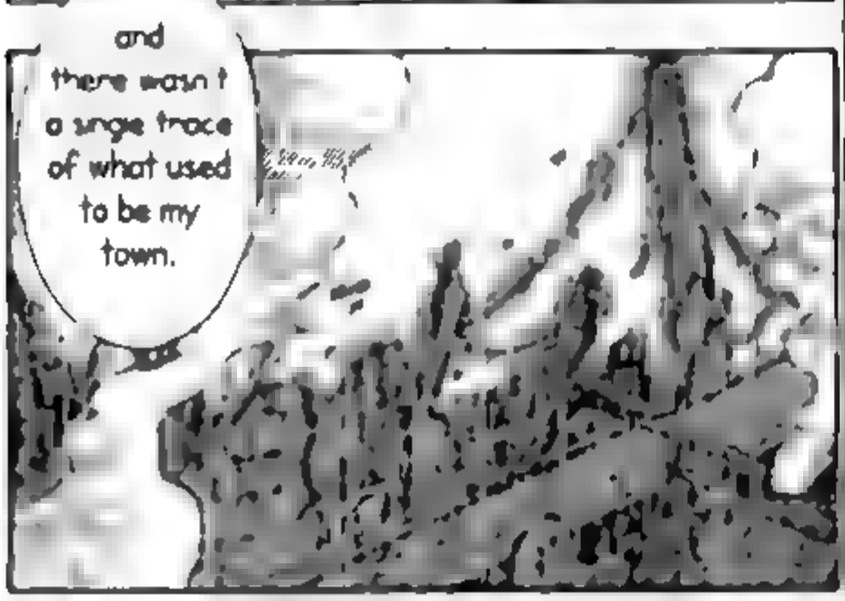
A job gone wrong? It's something from ten years ago ...
... he wandered around aimlessly, trying to keep busy ..
You see, after finishing a job that went wrong ..
.....
No way!! I think I have the right to know about it!!
That's not something you need to know about!
I talked too much ... Just forget what I just said ...
Please tell me! How was the Iota from ten years ago?!
I, too.
... have the right to know what happened.

In the outskirts of Epen Country .. I was born in a small town on the north bank of the Euphrates River
Figs piled up along the river
fish were put out to dry on the red brick roof of each and every house

My mother my father my friends
I was only seven at the time so I don't have very many memories left

When I woke up I was in the arms of the clergyman who saved me


While I was playing along the shore of the northern river bank I saw a bright light, glowing on the horizon
The next instant, all I could see was a bright, white light and I lost consciousness


and there wasn't a single trace of what used to be my town.

I soon knew that it was because of the so-called 'Holy War'
Exactly what had happened? No one ever told me, but
I heard later that the reason I survived was apparently because the impact had thrown me into the river ...
I joined for a selfish and arrogant reason but
and then I chose the path of the clergy
By the time I became a nun for the clergy to talk about the 'Holy War'
maybe, I'd find out something. Maybe there was something that I, the only one who had survived, could do. I kept on thinking that ...
Yes in the end that's how it is
Every good that comes to one evening day is a sweet and blessing against all that is ugly

The Holy War was ... born from
and despair, yet it's beginnings were barely noticed ...
With the passage of many centuries, the extermination of demons
carried out solely by the Vatican's Holy Knights
Thanks to that, the Vatican's power was comparable only to that of an emperor or the like ...
THE VATICAN
CLERGY FIRING RANGE: SACRARIUM
Focus on the moving targets!
But more strength in the pour wrist and shoulders!

Just what's he doing this time and where?
But he
It's already this late
... use your foot as an axis to come back, and ..
In a situation like this, you catch your opponent's hand, and ..
SAC-RARIUM
MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING GROUND
. set your hips to carry out a reverse!
SFX: LIFT
UWAAAAA!
That's Sister Violence for you.
... team up and practice it!
This move will be on tomorrow's test, so
GIDON
SFX: TA-DUM

Sorry, but violence isn't a habit of mine.
I, for one, do not consider guns to be 'gentle'
What is it, Hizel? You going to watch them practice?
Heh. Even without trying too hard, I won't lose to that Rain Wolf of yours.
Is this all for the Holy Knights Squad Leader evaluations? You sure have the fighting spirit.
Saucer Katan He's got himself three Holy Marks, plus his power control is perfect
He's got the physique and the smarts He's what you'd call a genius.
Why? Because I've got myself a gifted boy . .
NEXT TIME
Cisne-Translations

Oh, my, my ... just comparing him to someone else is, in itself, blasphemy.

His holy powers are, of course, born from his deep faith an overflow of his strong sense of justice

A genius ... Like a certain someone ...

If it's about Iota, didn't you know he was called to the Vatican this morning?

Iota was born to be a Holy Knight.

Again ...?

Oh, stop it already, Proud Mommy. Have you seen my scoundrel around?

He's the only one who can do a job like this.

It can't be helped, can it ...?

RAODEKIAYA COUNTRY
LUMIEL'S DISTRICT
Everyone! Be on guard!!
We must at least protect the Lord's temple with all our might!
DUTTO
DUTTO
AGIII--!
I have come to arrest you on the suspicion of having pagan documents ...
... Lord Lumiel.

NO MATTER WHAT GOSPELS YOUR 'HOLY BOOK' CONTAINS IT IS STILL ILLEGAL
Wh ... What are you talking about?! These are solemn scripts! They've already been proven to be authentic!
Has the Vatican degenerated so much that it would become the Roodeloya King s lap dog?!
A-and for that irrational reason, are you entitled to exterminate our entire clan?!
WHAT A PITIFUL PAGAN COMMUNITY ...
Ahhh!
My lord !!

ARGHH!
IT SEEMS YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE VATICAN IS PUNISHABLE BY IMMEDIATE DEATH
TO DISREGARD YOUR OWN LIFE LIKE THIS
I ONLY CAME TO CONFISCATE YOUR DOCUMENTS YET
D... don't you dare think that you will be exempted from God's wrath after doing this...
You ... murderer ...

Gospel No. 9 : Martyr [Martyr]

ZION COUNTRY
THE VATICAN
LEGION DOGMA
GNOSIS
Recently, Lama Continent found itself oppressed by demon violence and an endless cycle of suffering ...
Of course, thanks to the outstanding efforts of the trainees from the Vatican, we can continue to battle against these demons today and in the days to come.
Therefore, to bring an end to this history of suffering, I bestow upon the two of you the responsibilities of the Holy Knights, in the name of God!
Stigmaster Saucer Katan, for your many achievements in the field of demon annihilation, I hereby bestow upon you the title of Vatican Holy Knight and designate you the leader of the "Legion Dogma" squadron.
Stigmaster Gabriel Iota, for your accomplished merits and long-time obedient servitude during the Vatican's secret missions, I hereby bestow upon you the title of Vatican Holy Knight and designate you the leader of the "Gnosis" squadron.

That would coincide with the written prophecy of the four Knights of the Apocalypse, wouldn't it?
And thus, the number of Holy Knights has reached four; huh ...?
Katan is okay, however Iota, on the other hand
He has a great amount of holy power surely but
Shh! They'll hear you! If you say anything bad, you'll be fired!
Even if they fire me, it won't change the fact that the Lord God has only sent us down a messenger of death--a reaper ...
That those two are best friends is, in itself, mere cynicism

LAMA CONTINENT
SOUTHWEST QUARTER
EPHEN PRINCIPALITY
Don't you get lazy now, you bastard !!!
Err ... I think I hurt my leg ...
Faster! This must be ready for tomorrow's inaugural welcome ceremony for the Holy Knights' squadron!!
This is our best chance to get on their good side!!
SFX: CA-CHA
Don't make excuses!!
SFX: CRASH
God is watching you!!!!
Okay
Get your sorry ass moving already!!
God is also watching your deeds.
Wh.
Who are you?!

Wh ... who are you?!
Welcome, Father Katan ...!
I am Ephen's lord, Kraussenchen Ephen!
.....
That's ...! As one of the many principalities of Zion, we cannot let you be treated like that ...!
God cannot reside in a place built on money.
However, you arrived much earlier than we expected ... preparations for the welcoming ceremony are still ... and the arrangements for your lodgings ...
Just forget the ceremony, and as for lodging ... a cheap hotel in town will suffice.

Devote yourself not to Zion, but to God.
!!
Hasn't the Ephen Principality been taught as much?
To take that kind of approach with a country lord ...
Boss ... is that okay?
We can still fight demons like this
Our duty is to dispose of the demons that are harmful to the good people across the continent.
I don't know how that can relate to our troops being pampered by the nobles, though.
FULL OF KINDNESS ... AS ALWAYS ...

.....
Iota ...!!
!!
JUST WHAT YOU'D EXPECT FROM ONE BORN TO BE A HOLY KNIGHT ...
And what's up with your just showing up after disappearing for a whole month?
RESTAURANT
GETS
Don't ever show up like that to a leaders' meeting again!
Another dark job ...
I WONDER WHY IT IS THAT WHEN I— A HOLY WORKER— SHOW UP THE MOOD TURNS A LITTLE PAINFUL ...?
A job ...?
I JUST FINISHED A JOB.
SHUT YOUR TRAP ... IT'S NOT LIKE I CAME HERE TO PLAY.

WELL, UH ... IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME, Y'KNOW?
YOUR TASTES, ON THE OTHER HAND, ARE WEIRD.
SFX: SHOCK
Iota, what are you saying?!
. WERE STARING AT ME AS THOUGH I WERE AN EVIL SPIRIT FROM THE BOWELS OF HELL, SO TO SPEAK.
BECAUSE, YOU SEE, THOSE SUBORDINATES OF YOURS THAT ARE COWERING ...
.....
YOU LIKE TO KEEP ME COMPANY. ON THE WHOLE CONTINENT, YOU'RE ABOUT THE ONLY HUMAN WHO DOES, SO .
Because you ...
WE ARE BEINGS WHOSE ONLY PURPOSE IS TO ANNIHILATE ALL THOSE WHO OPPOSE ZION, IN THE NAME OF GOD.
THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IF ANYTHING, IS OUR ENEMIES— YOURS BEING DEMONS MINE BEING HUMANS. THAT'S ALL
Can't you ... just leave those missions ...?
If all the Holy Knights' leaders petition the Pope, surely ...
Even your former teacher, Hizel dis-approves of them ...
WHY WOULD THERE BE ANY NEED TO LEAVE THEM?

... YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT KATAN ...
THAT'S THE REASON ...
But ... sullying your hands with murder is ...
WHAT YOU'D CALL FEAR OR GUILT ... I FEEL NONE OF THOSE, EITHER ...
I HAVE NO HUMAN FEELINGS AT ALL--NOT ONE.
I HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF MYSELF AS A HUMAN EVEN ONCE.
Lota ...
IF I'M THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF IT, THEN I DO IT.
THIS IS A JOB YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY DO.

SFX CLUNK CLUNK
Those Holy Knight leaders ... why are they all such blockheads?!
I thought that they'd discuss the inauguration, yet ...
SFX CLUNK CLUNK
UWAAA!
Move it already!!
SFX CLUNK
Tch! Another one with bone fractures ...
SFX CLUNK CLUNK
WATCH OUT !!!
What happened ?!
He's pinned down!!
You! What are you doing there?!
Hurry and get him out!
His leg is done for!!

SFX. HMMM
!?
Huh?
Just get him outta the way for now!!
Leave the treatment of those who can't work till later!
Uh ...!
He's badly hurt! We can't ...!!
... still hurt a lot?
Does it ...
!!
Hurry and get out of the ...!!
What ...? Who is this?

The ... pain .
SFX CHATTER CHATTER
He doesn't have a single wound!!
The leg's healed !!!
What does this mean?!
It ...
It's healed !!
... is going away . ?!

She ...
Even though the leg was beyond repair ...
She healed it that much?!
Wha ...
What the ..?
A ... miracle ...?!
The rumors have spread across the whole continent, and the ill and suffering people are gathering in Ephesus to meet her
She has four holy marks . that's the maximum, isn't it?
According to the reports from the occupying Neqion Dogma faction, they have confirmed that she has four holy marks.
Yes, her background is unknown, and she lives in poverty, but has been administering medical treatment with her strong holy powers.

Sensei?
After the summoning of Meyn Empire can bring her back we can free our more
Not knowing is the least of my problems! Stigmatizers are dangerous to child!
It there aren't hand-fed properly they could
What do you mean!? I haven't heard anything of the sort!!
If this is also part of your plan, you'd better tell me beforehand, or it could get really, you know!
The healer has already offended to a hundred people!
Mmm! Mmm! Mmm!
EPHEN COUNTRY

A... miracle...?
With this many people coming, it's no wonder that they're calling it a miracle, right, boss?
But...
...there are more here in pain...
Won't you come to Zion with me?
To become established in the continent, a Holy Mark bearer must be registered in Zion...
After that, you'll be registered and given the title of "Stigmaster" in a ceremo--
What...?
Their bodies ache... their hearts ache... and they spend their days, full of agony...
On top of being stuck in the middle of a corrupted world that is overrun with demons, these people are being exploited by royalty and nobility, alike.

The day that I started taking their pain away, I truly felt the purpose of my life ...
Everyone in this world ...
If we all - together - could share that same purpose, we could all live in harmony
Angels
demons
God
and
humans
Just who is ... this girl ?!

Perhaps at that time ... Katan thought that he'd found God there ...
However, no one could have imagined that she would be the ringleader of the Holy War.
It seemed that the holy girl ...
... that the whole world started to look upon this girl as a God ...
... was a double-edged sword ...
This is blasphemy against all that is holy!
That girl being hailed as 'holy' has never obtained Zion's authentication!
... however, if that girl turned out to be the real thing, wouldn't that be God's greatest grace?
It is not that simple, Your Ho i-ness!
Yes ...
Pretty soon, those who revere her will multiply across the nat on ...

If that girl were to fall into the hands of that lord's country, Zion's authority there would be finished!
The situation is deteriorating! We ought to take immediate action!!
Perhaps, but ... if it is God's will, we can only follow ...
If we are not in control of every existing holy power within the continent, no one would submit to Zion anymore!
Despite having received orders to return, he remains in Ephen Country!
Even so, what is Lord Katan doing there?
Who's ... that ...?
But dealing with this holy girl will turn many eyes upon us ...
... it's all right to just proceed as usual.
If, in fact, Zion's authority is being threatened ...
There is no need for such haste.
Please calm down, Archbishop ...
Even the Pope has started spouting nonsense! What do we do?!

Changing public opinion is easy.
Seek the cooperation of those in Lords' Country who are still loyal to Zion ...
Eh ...?
Just what is he ...?
Essentially ... whatever humans do ...
... a hundred good deeds can never overcome a single evil one.
SFX: CHATTER CHATTER
You've received another order to return to Zion ... How should we proceed?
For the time being, just put this one on hold, too ...
.....
Is that really okay? We'll defer to your judgment, boss, but ... At this rate, won't you be punished?

IS YOUR PETY SHAKING
What is?
IT'S QUITE FUNNY
FOR YOU THE MOST BLOCKHEADED OF THE HOLY KNIGHTS TO DISOBEY ORDERS LIKE THIS, ONLY TO WATCH OVER THAT KID
To witness people's grateful, smiling faces
I wonder if this is the path that I was truly meant to take
Even I still don't know
.....
I don't know if becoming a Holy Knight might have been a mistake
As a faithful man I feel that this is the right thing to do

Could it be that He is pointing out the path to me ... or ...?
Right now, God is making way for that girl ...
... God's love is a never-ending road.
Indeed ...
Boss!! It's terrible!!
There's been an accident during one of the girl's healing sessions ...!!

Ma! Ma! What happened ?!
Hang on, Ma!!
Ma !!!
What's with that kid?
Didn't the holy girl treat him just now?
SFX: FWOOSH
What are you saying?!
It's not as if he died because she treated him!!
SFX: THUD
AAAAAAAAH!
Another kid she treated has died!!
A... another death ...?!

You ... you were using the devil's arts, weren't you?!
This is the devil's work!!
What have you done to my child?!
!
...
You ...!
Just what have you done to these kids?!
WITCH!!!!
I've heard that they're watching over her in Ephen Country ... It's not like the men can match up against Katan ...
How do we deal with Negion Dogma?
I'm counting on all of your cooperation from the Lords' Country. With it, Zion will be able to bring the girl to trial thereafter ...

SFX: CLANK
That's quite a simple procedure.
We'll sacrifice them, and, having swayed the shi ly-shallying heart of His Hol ness, the Pope .
... it'll be time to conduct a formal invest gation to sever the roots of any future problems.
Then they'll be formal y swept off, one right after another ..
As expected, you've thought it all through, Your Eminence.
To carry on God's will ...
... one must do whatever ought to be done.
SFX: PLOP PLOP
SFX: RAIN
Eight deaths: twenty badly injured ... furthermore, all of them, kids ...

Something's not right ...
This can't be happening ...
That girl's holy powers are authentic ...
What do we do, boss?
While the masses are demanding answers, they're gradually growing more insurgent ...
There's no need for that, Lord Katan.
If we formulate a Cause of Death inquiry ...
Request Zion's permission to perform autopsies ...
We are Lord Ephen's defense troops ...
We've come in response to a cooperation request from the Vatican's Arch Bishop.
Who are you?!

Let me confer directly with my boss and the girl
This is not your jurisdiction !!!
But didn't I just tell you that this is a direct request from the Arch Bishop?
!!
Don't toy with us! We are Holy Knights, moving under the direct command of His Holiness, the Pope!!
We won't comply with your orders !!!!
Be good kids, and come with me or else.
You leave us no choice but to use for--

Just to frame her as a witch, you sacrificed all those poor, innocent children ...
Since when did the defense troop degenerate to a vulgar lot like you ...?
S... Stop it!!
Do you fear the holy girl that much?
I... I don't know anything!!
I cannot forgive you ...!

He's resisting! Fire!!
The untainted Katan ...
.. attacked human for the first time. That anger, that despair ...
That pure white Saint was instantly dyed ...

... in the colors of crimson and black ...
... AN ORDER FROM ...
... HIS HOLINESS, THE POPE, HUH ...?

I can't allow such a thing! I gotta stop it!!
SFX RUNNING
Hizel! Don't!
Instead of concerning yourself with a detailed investigation, concentrate on the witch trial about to be held against a little girl!!
What's more, didn't they issue an order of restraint against Katan, who was protecting her?
This situation has already been acknowledged by His Holiness, the Pope!
If we, who are supposed to resign ourselves to it, open our mouths to confront him, our argument would impact Katan again!
Rather than moving carelessly, we should be trying to get this under control!
!
SFX SMASH
Damn it!!!
At this rate, the girl will be 'removed' ...
In this job, there is no precedent of a holy mark user being punished... Who do you think will be the one to do it?

This is just too cruel for Iota ...
Only a holy sword user can kill another holy sword user. That's what you're saying?
Having to kill an innocent girl ...
In the end, he'll wind up, losing his only friend, too ...

... SAUCER KATAN ...
Iota ...!
... YOU HAVE DISOBEYED YOUR ORDERS. YOU ARE ALSO SUSPECTED OF ABUSE OF POWER. ACCORDING TO THE VATICAN'S EDICT, YOU ARE STRIPPED OF YOUR TITLE OF HOLY KNIGHT LEADER, AND ....
I WILL ... ARREST YOU ...

-Circus-Scanlations-

Gospel No.10: Guilty

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TL: IN CH 9, EPHESTUS WAS CALLED "EPHEN PRINCIPALITY".

-Ereus-Scanlations-

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO OBEY
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU
IOTA ...!!
I KNOW THAT YOU AND THAT GIRL ARE INNOCENT
BUT THIS IS AN ORDER FROM THE VATICAN KATAN
WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?!
THAT IOTA RECEIVED AN ORDER FROM THE VATICAN CAN ONLY MEAN THAT WE WERE FOUND GUILTY ...
FOR A CRIMINAL, YOU'RE PRESENTING A CALM FACADE, AREN'T YOU, KATAN?

-Circus-Scanlations-

ARCH-BISHOP !!
FORGETTING YOUR DUTIES AS A HOLY KNIGHT WASTING YOUR TIME, HELPING THAT WITCH
AND TO THINK THAT YOU EVEN KILLED ALL OF THE EPHESTUS SECURITY GUARDS WHO WERE ACTING ON MY DIRECT ORDERS
SUCH A SINFUL ACT, INDEED
THAT GIRL ISN'T A WITCH !!
THAT LOT FROM THE EPHESTUS SECURITY GROUP FABRICATED THAT STORY!
THE DEATHS OF THOSE CHILDREN MUST'VE ALSO BEEN THEIR DOING!
AND YOUR EVIDENCE ?
EVEN IF THEY WERE THE ONES WHO DID IT, YOU'VE KILLED ALL OF THEM. SO THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN PROVE IT, RIGHT?
!!

-Circus-Scanlations-

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME DWELLING UPON IT
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY NOW, THE PEOPLE WON'T STOP BELIEVING THAT SHE'S A WITCH
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
A WITCH, YOU SAY ...
THE HERETIC'S TRIAL IS UNDERWAY OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW
CAN'T YOU HEAR THE PEOPLE CRYING OUT FOR THE WITCH TO BE PUNISHED ...?
KILL HER!
WHICH!

-Drew-Scanlations-

DEATH TO THE WITCH !!
WITCH
KILL!!
YOU'LL JUST BE HANGING YOURSELF IF YOU CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THAT WITCH AFTER THE VATICAN HAS ISSUED ITS DECREE
EVEN IF THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED BLESSINGS FROM HER WERE TO STAND UP FOR HER
THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE PRESSURE FROM THE MASSES

-Circus-Scanlations-

KILL THE WITCH !!!

GOD ...

... IS THIS THE REWARD SHE RECEIVES FOR ALL SHE'S DONE?!

WHAT IS SIR KATAN'S CONDITION?
HE WON'T EAT, AND HE KEEPS INSISTING THAT THE WITCH IS INNOCENT
THEN THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO CONFINE HIM UNTIL AFTER THE EXECUTION
I GUESS SO
KEEP OUT
Katan ... this matter is out of your hands.
You still have a lot of things to do as a Holy Knight, right?
The archbishop even said that he'd release you as soon as you denounce her as a witch.
I know it's frustrating, but for the time being ...
FOR MY OWN SAKE ...
... I HAVE TO LET HER DIE ...

... IT'S REALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, ISN'T IT?

THIS SO-CALLED HUMAN'S WAY OF LIFE ...

THERE'S NOTHING LEFT ...

MY LOYALTY TO THE VATICAN, AND MY SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO THE HOLY KNIGHTS IS ALREADY ...

Katan ...

WHAT SHOULD I DO ...?

Both his heart ...
and his body ..
At that time, something inside Katan began to change ...
SFX: RUMBLING
WE MUST INFORM THE POPE ABOUT THIS!!
IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO CALL THIS A MIRACLE ANY LONGER
THIS IS THE FIFTH STIGMATA
WE MUST EXECUTE HER ACCORDING TO THE EDICT OF THE VATICAN OR THE HONOR OF ZION WILL NOT BE UPHELD!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! WE MUSTN'T LET HER DIE OF NATURAL CAUSES!!
SHE'S ALREADY WEAKENED BY THE OVERUSE OF HER HOLY POWERS, NOT TO MENTION THE NEW STIGMATA
YES NO MATTER WHAT WE DO, THAT GIRL WON'T LAST TILL MORNING

-Circus-Scanlations-

-Circus-Scanlations-

THE VAT-ICAN HAS OPTED TO CARRY OUT THE EXECUTION TONIGHT I'LL CHANGE THE DATE ON THE PROCLAMATION TO TODAY
S-SO
SIR IOTA, THIS IS AN OFFICIAL ORDER FROM THE POPE. SEE IT THROUGH IMMEDIATELY
... WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO KATAN?
.....
DO YOU REALLY CARE SO MUCH?
IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST AN ORDER FROM THE VAT-ICAN.

UNDER-STOOD
KATAN'S TREATMENT DEPENDS HEAVILY UPON HOW QUICKLY WE CAN RESOLVE THIS SCANDAL.
THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD CARRY OUT YOUR DUTY. IT IS FOR HIS SAKE, TOO.
SFX: CLICK
SFX: SLAM
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "OUR" WISHES ?!
ALL OF THIS IS PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO YOUR WISHES, ISN'T IT?
HEH HEH HEH
ACCORDING TO OUR WISHES

WHEN THE TIME COMES, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND
BECAUSE THE HEART THAT WAS SO EASILY RIPPED APART
SFX: FOOTSTEPS
WILL GIVE RISE TO OUR FIRST FALLEN ANGEL !!

SFX: SWING
HUH?
SFX: STEP
PHEW! I'M TIRE--
EH?!
WHAT'S THE STATUS?
NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDIN-ARY.
SFX: SNAP
UGH!
KATAN!!
SFX: BANG
FATHER HIZEL ...?!

-Circus-Scanlations-

DID YOU KILL THEM ALL?!
WHAT IS THIS?!
C'mon! This way!!
Don't worry. I just knocked 'em out for awhile.
!!
HURRY UP!!
OVER HERE !!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! IF YOU DO THIS, YOU'LL BE INVOLVED, TOO!
My men are waiting there.
I'll stop them here. You go rescue the girl and head for the north gate.
They found out already ...

FATHER HIZEL ...!!
Right, Katan ...?
Saving one innocent girl is more befitting of a Holy Knight ...
... than slaying a hundred demons ...
!
THE VAT-ICAN
Hizel did that?!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, CHIEF?
YES. THEY'RE CURRENTLY ON THE RUN.
Reinforce the guards inside the Vatican and prepare for a state of emergency. Then go on fully armed standby.
EH? WE AREN'T GOING TO GO AFTER THEM?!

Katan ... this is all I can do ...

Save that girl ...!!

Our job as the Gideon squadron is to protect the Vatican!
Right now, there is the possibility that an outside threat is trying to get in! We have to guard the Vatican more closely!!
YES, MA'AM! UNDER-STOOD!!

SFX: STEP

ANYWAY, I'VE GOT TO HURRY ...!!

THAT'S STRANGE ... THERE'S NOT A SINGLE GUARD HERE ...

I ...
IOTA
...
Y
...
YOU
...

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WE WERE JUST PUPPETS BEING USED TO FIGHT!
THE STENCH OF BLOOD WON'T EVER GO AWAY...! EVEN IF THEY WERE DEMONS, SOMETHING IS WRONG!
FOR WHAT ...?
FOR WHO'S SAKE DO WE EXIST ...?!
ANSWER ME !!!

-Circus-Scanlations-

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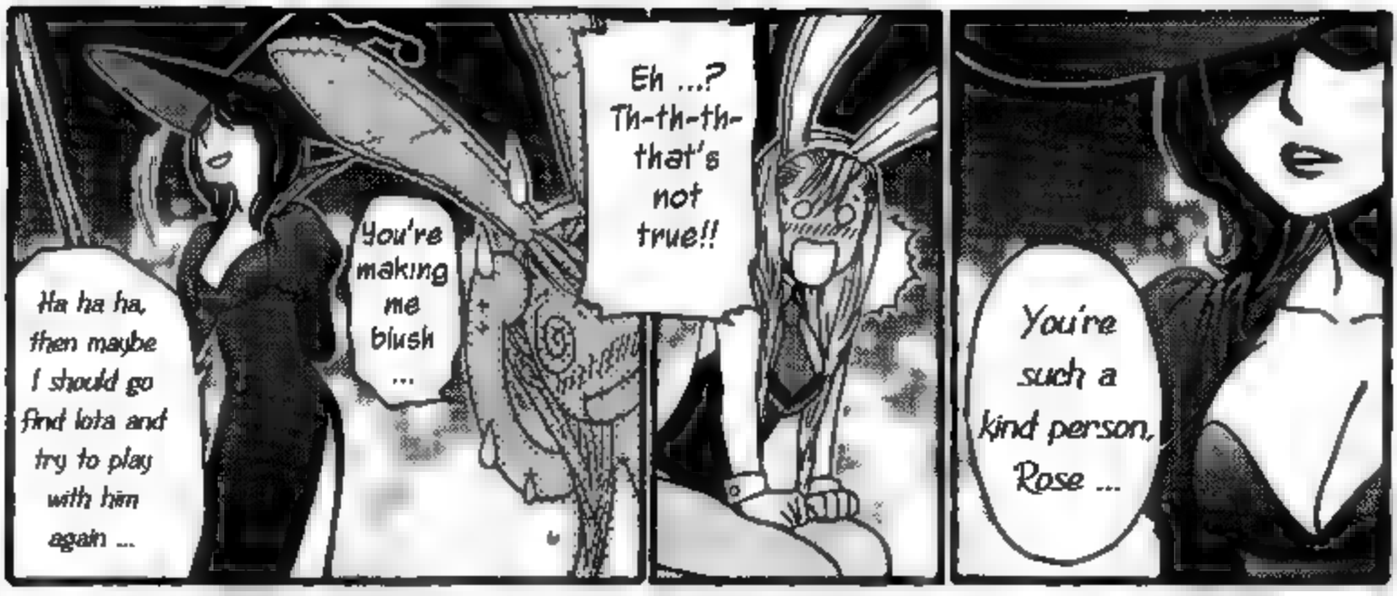
KATAN!!
LET EVERY-THING
DIS-AP-PEAR
DEAR GOD !!
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?!

AHH ... SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT ...
THE FALLEN ANGEL THAT HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM ITS UNAWARENESS IS NOW SPREADING ITS WINGS TOWARD THE SKY .!

Th--
that
means
...?!
Yes ...
sadly
.
.. the
death of an
innocent girl
triggered the
sudden change
in a saint ...and
that brought about
the start of the
Holy War

... he had been transformed into a demon ... and we had no choice but to stop him.
But even though we could understand his rage ...
The conclusion of the battle with Katan and the demons that he'd summoned was horrible.
Katan and Iota went missing, the Vatican disposed of the victims, and Hizel survived it, but lost his Holy Powers.
All of the principalities that suffered damage in the war rallied together, overthrowing Zion's authority, and went so far as to completely isolate Zion country ...
On top of that, the demons were still running rampant ...
And that's why the president formed RADEM ...
To bring a quick end to the crisis ...

But it's sad to be a Stig-master ...
.....
It's not just Katan ...
We Stigmasters are dangerous beings.
.....
Being strong means that everyone fears you ...
... then it means that the strongest will eventually be left all alone ...
I understand that feeling ...
How sad ...


You're such a kind person, Rose ...
Eh ...? Th-th-th-that's not true!!
You're making me blush ...
Ha ha ha, then maybe I should go find Iota and try to play with him again ...

Uh, it's past 10 o'clock ... Maybe we should go home ...
If you're being uptight like that, maybe I should call Hazel? You want to be hunted down like a rabbit during the annual Zion festival?
You really are a witch, huh, Lady Maria ...

Wow ... There are so many people ...
WE WON'T SEE ANY-THING THIS WAY
UWAAA!
SFX: BUSTLE BUSTLE

He-e-e-ey, Io-o-ota!!
Ah! Rose! Lady Maria!
How is that? Can you see?
WOW! COOL! I'M THE TALLEST ONE HERE!!
Iota! We should go home soon!
BIG BROTHER, WHO'S THE BIG-SISTER-BUNNY?
IOTA!!
This bunny is a violent bunny, so you have to be careful ...
WOAH! A SCARY BUNNY !!!
I like humans more than bunnies, you know.
You! Don't you get it?!
REALLY ?!
She's his girlfriend!
Th-th-th-that's ...!! What are you talking about, Lady Maria?!

The current Iska can be so bright because he has friends that he can joke around with ...
If that's the case ...
... maybe the end result will be different this time ...
Maybe it's all right to hope ...

YOU SEEM TO BE HAVING FUN SAINT OF THE RED PURGE
LET'S MAKE SURE YOU ENJOY YOURSELF EVEN MORE
BECAUSE NOW I'LL GIVE YOU A GENUINE FESTIVAL THAT TRULY FITS YOU

SFX: FIREWORKS
BIG BROTHER, DID YOU SEE THAT? IT'S SO BIG!!
UWAAA...

F-flames...?

SFX: WOOSH

What was that just now ?!
BPK ZZZZZZP

SFX KYAAAAA!

-Circus-Translations-

This Mark of Forgiveness II

IT FEELS LIKE JUST YESTERDAY WHEN I WAS WRITING THE AFTER-WORD FOR VOLUME 1, NERVOUSLY GREETING EVERYONE FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND NOW VOLUME 2 IS OUT!

GOOD MORNING! GOOD EVENING! GOOD DAY! HOW IS EVERYONE DOING?! GLAD TO MEET YOU AGAIN! IT'S ME! KO YASUNG!

SFX: EVIL CHUCKLING

THIS PERSON IS MY PUBLISHER, MR. K. YOU CAN'T TELL WHETHER HE'S PRECISE, OR JUST OBSTINATE... WELL, I CAN ONLY SAY THAT HE'S A SADIST WHO'S GOOD AT ALTERNATING BETWEEN DANGLING THE CARROT AND WIELDING THE STICK.

EVEN IF YOU TRY TO REFUSE HIM, A MOMENT LATER, YOU REALIZE THAT YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN MANIPULATED ... A SCARY PERSON, INDEED ...!!

WITH THAT, MY CONFINED LIFE IN JAPAN HAS REACHED IT'S TENTH MONTH!

K

I LIMITED MY OUT-INGS TO THE NEAR-EST CON-VENIENCE STORE UNTIL WE FINISHED THE MANU-SCRIPT.

NO SLEEPING! NO SLACKING OFF!!

-Circus-Scanlations-

IN THE MIDDLE OF MANGA VOL 2'S STAFF MEETING ...

Really? You're serious?!

I'll really do it, you know!!

Eeeh? It's really okay if it's nude?!

I was thinking of putting a mini-pin-up in Volume 2, but ... because it's "fan-service", I want you to draw a dangerously shady illustration of someone nude. Since I know it's your specialty, use this opportunity to relieve your frustration. Good luck!!!

... That's what I thought, but ...

Thank you, Mr. K.!!!

This is it!! The hentai spirit that has been repressed all this time can finally be released !!!

I get it ... I think I have a guilty conscience that is preventing me from soiling the naive boy, Iota ...

Why is this ?!

I can't draw a shady picture ?!

You made me popular in a boy's magazine ...

Hu-uh?

If that is so, then what's happening to me?

Why did you take off my pants ...?

I got it!! I'll draw it, so don't come here!!

Father Joel's dead spirit

I, who was known as the dangerous master in my home country, am now hentai-impotent?!

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... and the pale lips of a handsome boy!! What do you think?!

The white skin with fresh red blood flowing over it was easily done ...

It's finished ...

His face is all red ...

Ah ... I feel like I've been had again ...

The expression in his eyes is good, isn't it?

This is good, isn't it? It's just as I thought: stripping him would bring out a good side of him, right ...?

With that, I finished the mini-pin-up and Volume 2. Did you enjoy it?

To the people who sent letters of support throughout the serialization, I thank you from the bottom of my heart! I'll continue to do my best, so please keep supporting me!!

Till we meet again !!!

-Circus-Scanlations-

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